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Hillier's Greenview Avenue Project Denied by Borough Zoning Board in 4-3 Vote

The third part of the Borough's Zoning Board hearings on the Greenview Avenue condominium case concluded late Thursday night with a 4-3 vote to deny Architect J. Robert Hillier's application to rezone the three properties in question by variance.

Zoning board members Ken Kehrer, Marilyn Lynch, and Russell White voted in favor of Mr. Hillier's application, citing the need for increased senior housing in Princeton. Board members Steven Cohen, Russell McFarlan, Ann McGoldrick, and Barrie Royce voted against the application, and alternate Michael Floyd also expressed disapproval of the rezoning by variance.

The applicant, Mr. Hillier, who is also a Town Topics shareholder, had petitioned the board to approve of use variances that would allow him to build a complex of 14 units of senior housing for persons aged 55 and above, of which three would be affordable units. The proposed building featured an underground parking lot, green elements meeting Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) standards, and a front facade that was set back from the street.

Julie Ann Fox and Steve Gates, Greenview Avenue neighbors who opposed the building, were represented by attorney Christopher DeGrezia. The hearing began in April, with its most recent and final installment occurring last week.

Mr. DeGrezia started Thursday's five-hour session by cross-examining Dennis Hudacsko, zoning and planning consultant for Mr. Hillier. The proceedings continued with testimony from Ms. Fox, Planning Director for the Regional Planning Board of Princeton Lee Solow, and planning consultant Peter Steck. Mr. Hillier's attorney, Mark Solomon also cross-examined the witnesses. The board then heard comments from members of the public before going into executive session and coming to their final decision.

"A lot of balancing needs to be done," said Mr. Solow, who cautioned board members that they must carefully weigh the real need for senior housing and affordable units in Princeton, which is consistent with the master plan for the Borough, with the competing need for "neighborhood preservation."

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Holt Wants Answers on Anthrax From FBI

In spite of claims on the FBI website that the bureau remains "determined to solve the case" they have code-named "Amerithrax," Representative Rush Holt (D-12) has told FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III, that "the public and the Congress deserve an answer from you."

In the wake of the FBI's recent settlement with biological weapons scientist Steven Hatfill, a one-time "person of interest" in the case, and, shortly afterward, the apparent suicide of Army scientist Bruce Ivins, who was reportedly about to be indicted, Mr. Holt issued a statement suggesting that even when the book is closed on the case, "what we learn will not change the fact that this has been a poorly-handled investigation that has lasted six years and already has resulted in a trail of embarrassment and personal tragedy."

In his letter to Mr. Mueller, Mr. Holt cited his "strong interest in this case. As you know," he wrote, "the attacks evidently originated from a postal box in my Central New Jersey congressional district, and they disrupted the lives of my constituents."

The same week the news about Mr. Ivins broke, the spectre of contaminated mail was revived as ambulances, fire trucks, a disaster response unit, and numerous police cars lined the driveway and lawn surrounding Borough Hall while employees were evacuated and temporarily quarantined under a white tent outside. The scare was precipitated by the contents of a suspicious package that had caused a negative reaction in employees who came in contact with the letter inside it. Symptoms reported were itching, rashes, burning, and blistering.

Tests done by the State Department of Health have come back negative for traces of harmful biological agents. Borough Police Lieutenant Nick Sutter reported that the state had tested for seven different agents, and that the package would continue to be tested.

"Amenthrax" began when, in the weeks after 9/11, letters contaminated with anthrax were allegedly mailed from a mailbox on the corner of Nassau and Bank Streets in the Borough. Five people were killed and 17 others were sickened by letters addressed to U.S. Senators Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy, NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw, and the editor of the New York Post. The mailbox, which was found to contain anthrax spores, was removed, and the U.S. Postal Service's regional processing facility in Hamilton was closed for four years

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Community Input Will Be Sought On Future Pool Complex Design

The Princeton community will soon learn about, and be able to respond to, plans for a new pool complex. At its Thursday evening meeting, the Joint Recreation Board approved a motion to engage a consulting firm that will meet with local residents to discuss the need for new pool facilities, and to hear what pool users would — and would not — like to have in an updated facility, which would be located on the same site as the current pool. At least one of the meetings will occur poolside, according to Recreation Department Executive Director Jack Roberts, *so residents can see where there are problems with the existing complex*, and envision plans for the future.

Mr. Roberts noted that independent money, accrued through user fees, will

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"CHANGE FOR CHANGE:" Third grade students in Summer Exploration gather "change for change" for Senator Barack Obama's campaign by managing a lemonade stand in front of the Henry Pannell Learning Center on Witherspoon Street. Ashante Thompson (far right), the third grade teacher, noted that the campers had been learning about the voting process and civic participation as part of the camp curriculum and decided to get involved in the campaign. Summer Exploration is the only locally sponsored summer camp in Princeton that includes academics, recreation, and travel, according to Dana Hughes, the Director of Programs and Resident Services for the Princeton Housing Authority and camp coordinator.

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"We know it's critical to start the children off on the right foot on the first day of school so they look and feel like all the other kids. But we also know the importance of standing by the students all year long helping them feel comfortable while at school," explained HomeFront project coordinator Laura Trzasko. "Providing backpacks are just one element in an ongoing support program that helps families pay for basic school items such as class pictures, field trips, or school uniforms. For our families, these items are luxury items."

In addition to providing money for the basic items, HomeFront helps students academically with after school tutoring and recreational programs. Over the past several years, participation by local businesses, government agencies, congregations and civic organizations in HomeFront's Back to School campaign has tripled. "Support in donating backpacks filled with first day necessities is tremendous," acknowledged HomeFront Executive Director Connie Mercer. "Our children are very excited and the moms are so appreciative. What we need now, however, are sponsors who will commit to help the children throughout the entire year."

HomeFront depends on individual donations to help underwrite this program. To help a homeless children start — and finish — the school year, contact Ms. Trzasko at (609) 989-9417, ext. 118, or visit HomeFront at www. Homefrontnj.org.

HomeFront is a non-profit organization that helps central Jersey's homeless and working poor families begin to lead independent lives. HomeFront provides food, shelter, and affordable housing for families; tutoring and enrichment programs for children; and life skills and self-advocacy training for adults.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

Health and wellness will be the focus when **Dr. Henrik Rasmussen**, vice president of Clinical, Medical and Regulatory Affairs at Novo Nordisk, Inc., speaks at the monthly luncheon meeting of the **Princeton Chamber of Commerce** Thursday, August 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Marriott Princeton Hotel and Conference Center, 100 College Road East, Princeton. Mr. Rasmussen will give an update on the research,development, management, and control of diabetes, a growing health epidemic on a global scale. In conjunction with the meeting's healthcare theme, a number of health-related organizations will participate in a "health fair" at the pre-luncheon reception which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello is reminding **college students** not to delay requesting an **absentee ballot** for the upcoming **Presidential Election** if they cannot come home to vote in November. It is anticipated that the 2008 Presidential Election will create a record surge in absentee ballot applications at the Mercer County Clerk's office this year. "Do not wait until October to get your absentee ballot application processed if you are going away to college. Do it *now* before you leave for college and avoid unnecessary delays," said Ms. Sollami Covello. Tuesday, October 14 is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming election, and Tuesday, October 28, is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. Voters interested in obtaining an absentee ballot application or voter registration form in person, may visit the Mercer County Clerk's Elections Office, located on the 2nd floor in the Old Courthouse, 209 South Broad Street, Trenton, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Prospective voters may also visit the Mercer County Connection located in the Hamilton Square Shopping Center on Highway 33 and Paxson Avenue in Hamilton. The County Connection satellite office offers evening and Saturday hours for the convenience of Mercer County residents. New voters can also find absentee ballot applications and voter registration forms by visiting www.MercerCounty.org and going to the section labeled "County Clerk." Forms are available in both English and Spanish. To have an absentee ballot application or voter registration form mailed to you, call (609) 989-6495.

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10 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 10 births the week of July 29, 2008.

Sons were born to Megan and Daniel Pease, Cranbury, July 29; Kelly O'Rourke and Timothy J. Forrester, Princeton, July 29; Jyotika Bahree and Avinash Agarwal, Princeton, July 30; Maryellen and Dennis Andal, Princeton Junction, August 1; Wendy and Kenneth Rudd, Princeton, August 2; and Sonia Munoz and Jose Monterošo, Princeton, August 3.

Daughters were born to Kelly Lyons, Hopewell, July 29; Jasdeep and Sachdeep Arora, Pennington, July 30; Hema Kandibedala and Sitapani Koneru, Lawrence, August 1; and Srividhya Ganesan and Niranjan Sathindran, Cranbury, August 3.

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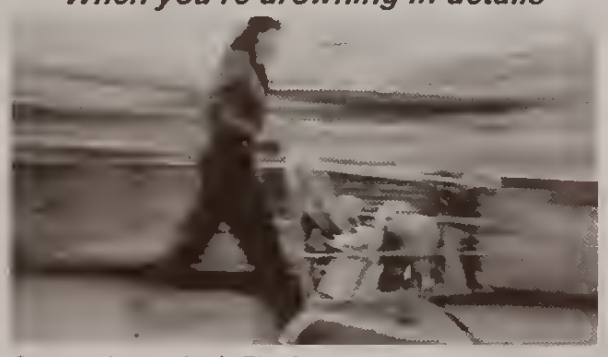

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DECIDUOUS DECISIONS: Naturalist Steve Hiltner (fourth from left) consults a field guide to name a particularly enigmatic plant during Sunday's plant inventory walk in the Herrontown Woods. Fellow eco-enthusiasts look on. The plant inventory will list plants from all of Princeton's open spaces, and will be published in the Princeton Environmental Resource Inventory, which is currently available for public comment. It can be found at the library, Borough and Township halls, and at www.princetontwp.org/envlronmain.html. (Photo by D. Stow / Perna)

Ecologists, Friends of Open Spaces, Inventory Plants at Herrontown Woods

"Rushes are round, but sedges have edges," quoted Steve Hiltner, Friends of Princeton Open Spaces (FOPOS) naturalist and member of the Princeton Environmental Commission, while showing the group assembled the deceptively-named "wool grass," which is actually a sedge. Typically, rushes have round stems, whereas those of sedges are more triangular. You can differentiate between the two by rolling them between your thumb and forefinger.

TOPICS Of the Town

That's just one of the ecology-related tidbits that those assembled in Herrontown Woods last Sunday learned as part of the plant inventory walk sponsored by FOPOS. Ivies, trees, shrubberies, ferns, and other members of the Kingdom Plantae were identified and discussed.

Herrontown Woods is also a place of particular historical import. It is the only park in Princeton that is owned and managed by Mercer County. The land used to belong to Princeton mathematician and co-founder of the Institute for Advanced Study, Oswald Veblen, Mr. Hiltner noted, adding that Mr. Veblen and his family lived in the house in the middle of the woods beginning in the late 1910s, and a large cottage was built nearby as Mr. Veblen's study. In 1957, the family donated the land to the Mercer County Park System for use as a wildlife and plant sanctuary.

The Veblen house and study have since fallen into disrepair. The windows are boarded up, fluorescent spray paint reads "Keep Out: Danger," and steps leading to front doors have collapsed. Mr. Hiltner mentioned that Elizabeth Veblen had wanted their home to be turned into an environmental center, retrofitted with green materials and technologies, and used as a teaching site.

For most of the summer, Mr. Hiltner and Sarah Chambliss, an intern at FOPOS and a student of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton, have been cataloguing plants both indigenous and invasive throughout Princeton's parks, woods, and wetlands. Invasive, or non-native species of plants, are proving problematic in many Princeton parks and woods. Ms. Chambliss mentioned that invasive species overshadow native plants, taking away sunlight, nutrients, and resources. She said that FOPOS has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) to cut back invasive species at the Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve and plant native species in that area.

The plant inventory will be published in the Princeton

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The public is invited along on the plant inventory walks, which take place on Sundays at 2 p.m. Locations will be announced at www.princetonnaturenotes.blogspot.com.

—Dilshanie Perera

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PUBLIC GUARDIAN: Township Police Sergeant Robert Toole is pictured here alongside police patches and badges, one of which he helped to design. He mentioned that the lightning bolt symbol was added to the uniform in the early 1960s, and symbolizes the use of radio to dispatch officers. (Photo by Dilshanie Perera)

Sergeant Robert Toole has been involved with public safety all his life. A member of the Township police force for the past 22 years, Sgt. Toole is also the president of Hook and Ladder, and has been a volunteer fire fighter since age 16.

—Dilshanie Perera

I grew up in town. I lived on Moore Street my entire life. I graduated from PHS, and went to Mercer County Community College for a little bit. We lived a block down from the high school in the Borough. My two sisters, mom and dad, and my grandparents all lived in town. We're Princetonians.

My father has been a member of the Fire Department forever. Both my grandfathers were members. And my mom's cousins were members long before I joined. So it's kind of a family tradition. When I was growing up, I was always up there all the time. When my grandfather told me about the junior program, I thought I'd join to see what it's all about. It sounded exciting and fun. And it was. It is.

We're all volunteers at the fire department. Everyone has a pager, so you're on call 24 hours a day. Because there are three stations in town, we rotate to lessen the stress on all of the volunteers. Each station is responsible for answering the calls during the nighttime hours for a week at a time.

A Surprise Delivery

Not too long after I was out of the Police Academy, I had just been put on my own. There was a motor vehicle accident on Bunn Drive. I was just finishing up with that when I got a dispatch up to Red Oak Row, in Princeton Community Village, for a woman who was giving birth. As soon as I walked in the door, she was right there, in the hallway, laying on the floor. She was in mid-birth. The baby was already emerging, and the father was freaking out a little bit. I told him to go get some towels to help me. It was a breech baby. The feet were coming out first, which is not good. I was helping to deliver the baby. Luckily for me, and for her, the First Aid Squad arrived and took over, so they finished the delivery. It was very stressful in the cramped quarters, and I was pretty much alone until the First Aid Squad got there. So that was one of the first crazy experiences that I had.

Under Stress

Princeton is a safe town, but it's not immune to having random acts of violence and things like that. What happens in New York City, happens here, just on a smaller scale.

There are lots of different situations where you don't know exactly what you're getting into. You go in there expecting the worst, but you scale back your reaction based on what a person might do. I've had people trying to take a swing at me when I've already told them they're under arrest and am trying to put handcuffs on them. I've had them try and assault me after they've been totally handcuffed. When people are under stress, and they're excited or agitated, they do things they don't do under normal circumstances.

Courts and Collaboration

The municipal prosecutor handles traffic, disorderly persons, and minor criminal offenses. Anything more serious than that goes up to the County Superior Court to be adjudicated. Third, second and first degree crimes are heard up there.

A long time ago, there was a gentleman who we suspected of doing a lot of different assaults in the Borough and Township. He had broken into a house, and had stabbed a woman in the shower, and he ran out of the house. I was probably the third or fourth officer on the scene. Because the two departments were already looking at him as a suspect, the Borough was staking out his apartment, and they caught him as he was running up the fire escape. I helped to deal with first aid for the victim, and to get her to the hospital, and when I came back I was in charge of processing him. I gave him his Miranda rights in English, which he seemed to understand. He signed everything, and I finished processing him, but there was a challenge in court asking how he could have acknowledged his rights when he isn't a primary English speaker. That was my first experience in front of Superior Court, and it was a little nerve-wracking.

Working Together

The Borough and Township Police have a good working relationship. We've had burglaries lately in the nighttime, which is not typical, so we've been collaborating closely with the Borough and several other departments. We've been working together and sharing information, making sure everybody is on the same sheet of music, and making sure the information has gotten across to everyone. Because with your piece of information and mine, maybe we'll be able to move on something.

We work closely with the Borough on the truck task force on 206. We meet about once a week and do a joint enforcement with the trucking violations. And we've always worked well together.

The Best Thing

What I've always found the most satisfying is helping the people who are not quite as able to help themselves as others, whether they're elderly or challenged in some way, or whether they're intimidated by other people and unable to defend themselves. I don't mean in a physical way necessarily, but they're unable to get out from under whatever abuse they may be getting from someone else. So, that's always satisfying — whether it's an abusive relationship, or a stranger trying to take advantage of another stranger — to be able to come in and remove that element and help the person out. To me, that's what has been the best thing.

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PU Names Coordinators Of Hindu and Muslim Life

Princeton University's Office of Religious Life has appointed coordinators for Hindu and Muslim life as part of efforts to enhance support for Princeton students from a variety of backgrounds.

Vineet Chander has been named coordinator of Hindu life, a newly created position, and Sohaib Sultan has been appointed coordinator of Muslim life, both effective August 15.

"The increasing diversity of Princeton's student body is bringing a wonderful diversity of religious traditions as well," said Alison Boden, Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel at the University, who added that "our new colleagues in the Office of Religious Life will help us not only to support the Hindu and Muslim communities, but also to promote interreligious understanding and dialogue as a part of all students' total Princeton education."

The new Hindu coordinator position is a half-time, one-year pilot project, said Ms. Boden, who hopes it will become a full-time, permanent position next year. The Muslim coordinator position is a full-time, permanent position.

Mr. Chander has served as a religious communications consultant for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness since 2005, following a year as an assistant district attorney in Queens, N.Y. Mr. Chander was a Hindu minister and chaplain for two years at the George Washington University, where he earned a law degree. He is a graduate of St. John's University and also holds a divinity degree from Bhagavata Theological Seminary.

Mr. Sultan has been the Muslim chaplain at Wesleyan University and Trinity College since 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Having previously served as a Muslim chaplain fellow at Yale University, Mr. Sultan has participated in the U.S. Department of State's Citizens Dialogue Program, visiting countries around the world to give presentations on Muslim life, interfaith cooperation and pluralism in the United States.

Mr. Sultan is also the author of *The Koran for Dummies* and *The Qur'an and Sayings of Prophet Muhammad: Selections Annotated and Explained*. He has studied at Indiana University and the Hartford Seminary.

Khalid Latif, who served as Princeton's first Muslim chaplain in a pilot project from 2006 to 2007, is now a chaplain with New York University and the New York City Police Department.

In addition to the new coordinator positions, the University has recognized the Chabad chaplaincy led by Rabbi Eitan Webb. Since 2002, Mr. Webb has co-directed the Princeton chapter of Chabad on Campus, an international organization that offers social, educational and spiritual programs for college students. The Chabad chaplaincy joins 13 existing chaplaincies, which represent a range of faiths and religious traditions that are recognized by the University. Campus chaplains work with the Office of Religious Life to serve the pastoral needs of students, faculty, and staff and to strengthen the faith communities they represent.

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— Henry Isaac and Rhoda Kassof-Isaac, Skillman

"I have noticed increases in prices. They have not affected me in a major way, but I am careful to look for sales whenever available." *— Daniel Miglore, Princeton*

"I don't do much grocery shopping; however, people sometimes question prices — the rising cost of flour has caused us to raise our prices for scones, pastries, and other food products." *— Ariel Wenitsky, Princeton*

"I watch out for how much you buy, not what you buy."

— Brian Frasier, Princeton

"Some things like milk have gone sky high, but I have to buy them. What can I do, I don't like it, but I have to eat."

— Rona Huff, Princeton

University Medical Center's Auxiliary Gears Up for White Elephant Sale

"Some people just come for the toys," said volunteer Rosemarie Hunninghake, as she surveyed the growing stock of clothing, books, kitchenware, and yes, Barbies, accumulating in the Herrontown Road storage facility being used by the University Medical Center at Princeton's Auxiliary as they prepare for their annual White Elephant and Rummage Sale.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the doctor's parking section of the garage at the Medical Center. During its long history the sale has been held in places as varied as the Italian-American Club on Terhune Road and the Princeton airport. The coming sale is the Auxiliary's 90th, and "something special" will be done to mark the occasion, though publicity volunteer Fay Ventura isn't saying what, just yet.

In the meantime, though, the focus of attention is the "barn," or "receiving area," where Auxiliary volunteers began accepting donations for the October event this last Saturday. They will continue to be there every Tuesday and Saturday through October 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. The pace picks up on September 2 when Tuesday hours are extended to include a 5 to 7 p.m. slot. "This place will be unbelievably packed," said Claire Baxter, who has been doing volunteer work for the sale since 1991. Donations are tax-deductible, and contributors receive a blank form which they may fill in with the estimated value of the ice buckets, wine glasses, faux-fur jackets, mirrors, and other items they leave at the barn.

Bric-a-brac items, including Lenox china and other high-end decorative pieces, always "do well," noted Ms. Hunninghake, a veteran of nearly 30 sales. With the advent of eBay, however, silver, which was very popular in the 1980s, has gone into decline, she reported. There are some treasures, to be sure. Kitchen utensils from the 1920s were a big draw one year, and a stamp album, which nobody really had time to to appraise, went for $20 at a recent sale.

While items like clothing and books are given a blanket price, volunteers use past experience to price the art, furniture, Christmas paraphernalia, and jewelry they sort through by the box load. On the weekend of the sale, items will be sold at their assigned prices on Saturday (there is no preview), and at half-price on Sunday morning. By noontime on Sunday, bargain hunters can scoop up whatever is left and fill a single bag to the brim for $3, or two bags for $5. Frugality rules, and the Auxiliary shares some of the towels and linens it receives with the storage barn's Herrontown Road neighbor, SAVE, and donates items that it can't sell to various rescue missions.

A list of "no's" at the entrance to the barn discourages donors from bringing tires, mattresses, box springs, old computers, bowling balls, "any open containers," old air conditioners, "most exercise equipment," and anything with propane.

The Auxiliary has typically identified a particular area of the hospital to benefit from the sale, for five years at a time. Right now the maternal child health program is the focus. Previous years' profits have gone to the Breast Health Center and the cardiac catheterization unit.

Other old hands working the sale include Ralph Higgins and Ida Toto, who are both 91, and "long timer" Bernice Frank.

The Auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton is a nonprofit group of volunteers who raise funds for UMCP through special events like the White Elephant Sale, "A November Night" dinner dance and auction, ArtFirst!, an international juried exhibition and sale featuring original work by professional artists with disabilities, and the Princeton HealthCare System 10K Race. The Fete, a popular springtime event, was cut back to alternate years since the University's football stadium proved to be a less salutary location than its previous site, the playing fields along Washington Road.

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Greenview Avenue

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effectively rezoned the properties of 5-7, 11, and 13 Greenview Avenue, included increases in the limit of 14 units per acre to 27 units per acre, the maximum of three units per building to 14, density and floor-area ratio (FAR), and coverage.

The revised zoning ordinance passed in 2006 was a key area of focus during the night's proceedings. Mr. Solow mentioned that the ordinance was established primarily "because there is a growing concern through the community that neighborhoods are being threatened by large houses" that are newly developed. The 2006 ordinance keeps residential buildings at a relatively small size and allows for a maximum of three units per structure.

Reactions by neighbors were mixed, with some opposing the development, and some urging the board to allow it. Ms. Fox, whose property abuts that of the proposed development, testified against it, saying that the project would indelibly change the character of the neighborhood.

Greenview resident Barbara White worried that approval of the project would "set a precedent for unbridled development." Others, like Joan DeStaebler of Humbert Street welcomed the change, noting that the building would be an "ideal location for seniors." Alex Magoun, also of Humbert Street, thought that such a project would bring more stability to the neighborhood.

During the final discussion among the Zoning Board prior to the decision, members noted that it was a "very difficult decision" and praised the building for its innovative design, green qualities, and the attention given to seniors. But the decision hinged largely on the 2006 ordinance and the motivation behind it.

Saying that the variance requests were "unlike any other in size, scope, and type," Ms. Goldrick noted that "there is no guidance within the ordinance that would allow us to provide that kind of exception." Mr. Royce echoed her sentiments, citing the variances as "such a large departure" from the original ordinance.

In a telephone interview regarding the board's decision to deny his application, Mr. Hillier noted, "I was obviously disappointed, but I understand it also. Because the zoning code is new, it doesn't account for what we had in mind."

At present, Mr. Hillier and his firm have no plans regarding the site.

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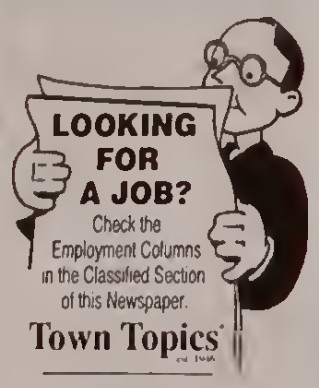

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Answers from FBI

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because of evidence of anthrax contamination. Mr. Holt's own office was also found to be contaminated when Congressional offices were inspected.

The FBI disputes perceptions of a lack of rigor in the investigation. According to the agency's website, "We've conducted more than 9,100 interviews and issued some 6,100 subpoenas. Nineteen FBI agents, working with eight inspectors from the U.S. Postal Service, continue to pursue each and every lead aggressively." The New York Times recently reported, however, that the evidence amassed by F.B.I. investigators against Mr. Ivins "was largely circumstantial, and a grand jury in Washington was planning to hear several more weeks of testimony before issuing an indictment."

Mr. Ivins's apparent obsession with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, which has a Princeton University chapter, and the fact that his father was a 1928 graduate of the university, has added to speculation about the late scientist's ties to Princeton. The anthrax-tainted mailbox was located near a buildiog where the sorority stores some of its property. (The chapter does not have on-campus housing.) Some media reports have linked Mr. Ivins's obsession with the sorority to his own college days at the University of Cincinnati, where he was reportedly rebuffed by a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Calm and Orderly

The package sent to Borough Hall was from an elderly man living in a nursing home in Louisiana. A letter had been sent to a vitamin supply shop in the area, but had been returned to the man. Upon its receipt, he mailed the letter within another letter addressed to Mayor Trotman, with instructions to forward it to the vitamin supplier. The second letter was the source of the possible allergic reaction that Borough staff members experienced.

Lt. Sutter mentioned that the air quality in the building tested fine with respect to dangerous materials. He added that at the time of the scare, the atmosphere was "calm and orderly" and that the police department and other emergency services "responded according to protocol."

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Cartasia Merrill, 37, of Princeton was arrested on July 28 at 6:48 p.m. for aggravated assault & possession of a weapon after police responded to a report of a fight between three females at Redding Circle. All three women suffered minor injuries but refused treatment from Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad. She was later released.

Princeton Borough

Edward Frosztega, 45, of Princeton was arrested on July 29 at 1:01 a.m. for disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of a combative & intoxicated person at the University Medical Center at Princeton on Witherspoon Street. He was later released.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Tynishia Gilmore, 25, of Hamilton, on July 25 at 7:44 p.m. for an outstanding warrant in the amount of $500 from West Windsor Municipal Court, after a motor vehicle stop on Harrison Street. She was later released.

Gregory Dixon, 51, of Trenton, on July 25 at 2:15 p.m. for an outstanding warrant in the amount of $1,000 from the Princeton Borough Municipal Court, after a pedestrian stop on Witherspoon Street. He was committed in default of bail.

Joseph Briel, 34, of Hamilton, on July 28 at 2:01 p.m. for an outstanding warrant in the amount of $9,823 from Mercer County Probation Department, after a motor vehicle stop on Nassau Street. He was turned over to Mercer County Sheriffs.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 44 calls last week.

On Saturday, July 26, the Squad responded for a man who flipped over the handlebars of his bicycle after hitting a rock in the ground. According to reports, the intoxicated patient had an altered level of consciousness and suffered facial injuries as a result of the fall. The crew secured him to a spinal immobilization device and transported him to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

Later that night, the Squad responded for an elderly woman with symptoms of gastrointestinal bleeding, including vomiting blood. The patient presented with a weak pulse and low blood pressure. The crew immediately positioned her to maintain blood pressure, administered oxygen and rushed her to UMCP for additional treatment.

On Sunday July 27, the Squad came to the aid of a man stung multiple times by yellow jackets. When they arrived, the patient was diaphoretic, lightheaded, dizzy, and unable to hold himself up. His anaphylactic reaction also consisted of an extremely low blood pressure. The crew immediately administered epinephrine, which improved his condition considerably, with increased blood pressure, improved muscle tone, and reduced diaphoresis. The patient was also treated with oxygen and transported to UMCP for additional monitoring.

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from Princeton's kitchens

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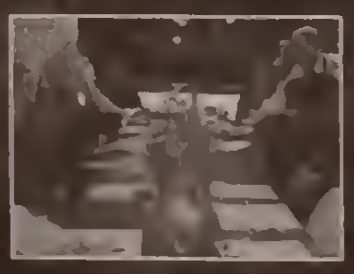
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Pool Complex

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be used to pay the consultants. Financial responsibility for construction of the new complex, however, has not yet been determined. Although the Joint Recreation Board has asked both Borough and Township administrators to meet with them to discuss the master plan, which includes plans for the pool, neither governing body has responded. "It appears that it's going to happen in September," observed Mr. Roberts, who hopes that there will be enough lead time before the meeting for everyone involved to have a chance to read the master plan.

The pool has outlived its 25-year life expectancy by more than 15 years, and frequent "band-aid" patching jobs on pool walls and concrete walks attest to the need for something to be done soon. Some concern was expressed at the meeting about the possibility that the Borough and Township governing boards may want to approve the entire master plan (including proposed improvements on all Recreation Department facilities) before endorsing a plan for refurbishing the pool area.

Board member Mike Finkelstein observed that while pool use around the nation has declined, Princeton continues to be a strong supporter of its community pool. Board members agreed that the size, location, green shady landscape, high quality maintenance, good value, and family friendly atmosphere all contribute to the pool's popularity.

As it did at the recent Library Board of Trustees meeting, the Township's four-page "budget summary," inserted with its recent tax bill, received high marks from the Recreation Board, which commented on the breadth and clarity of the information presented. Mr. Roberts also pointed out that in Golden, Colorado, the community that provided the prototype for the document, recreation accounted for 28 percent of the city's budget capital expenditures, as opposed to the three percent allocated to the Princeton Recreation Department.

The department's financial future was still clearly on Mr. Robert's mind as he distributed copies of the current "guidelines for recreation facility dedications" to board members at the meeting. In the face of uncertain fiscal support for a new pool, he noted that the relatively modest criteria (noteworthy volunteerism, for the most part) for naming facilities might have to go by the wayside in favor of corporate sponsorship or significant individual gifts and the creation of an "alternative funding foundation" for finding "new revenue streams."

Other News

In other news at Thursday's meeting, Mr. Roberts reported that the Borough and the Township had approved the Recreation Department's 2008 budget, which has "no increases whatsoever." Improvements in the recently reopened Potts Park, he noted, were largely due to financial support from Mercer County. Monetary concerns arose yet again in a discussion of financing Recreation Department-sponsored summer concerts, which may need alternative forms of support in the future.

A particularly bright spot in the department's programs is the men's basketball league. Program Supervisor Ben Stentz reported that this year marked the largest number of teams (12), and that a recent 20th anniversary celebration of the league brought out over 700 people. Mr. Roberts described the anniversary event as "one of our finest hours," and said that the high quality of the players was remarkable for a small community like Princeton.

The pool is enjoying a "banner year," according to Mr. Roberts, with "pretty good numbers" reflecting more residential and non-residential memberships, as well as higher daily admissions, and an absence of "monsoon weeks." The number of people registering for tennis programs, he reported, is down, however.

Mr. Stentz noted that Friday was the last day for the Recreation Department's summer camp, which had enjoyed "a wonderful summer" and was up this year by ten campers.

The next meeting of the Joint Recreation Board, which is open to the public, will be on August 28.

—Ellen Gilbert

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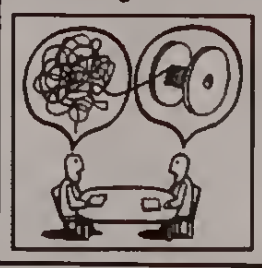

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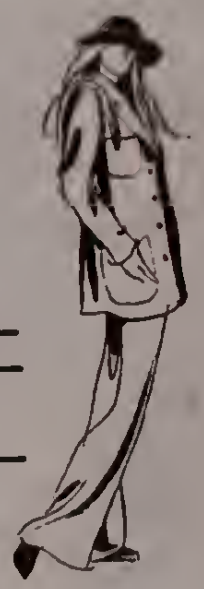

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Books

Young Readers Are Encouraged In Library's "Prime Time" Program

The names of over 25 Princeton Public Library (PPL) staff members appeared on the "thank you" roster at the last session of the Prime Time Family Reading program at the library last week. From ordering books to organizing readings and discussions, this six-week program, intended for families with children ages six to ten who experience difficulty reading, was clearly a library-wide effort. PPL was one of 20 libraries nationwide selected to participate in the award-winning family literacy program, which is based on a successful series of the same name that began in 1991 at the East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Parish Library, and spread to surrounding states with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since its inception, more than 15,000 individuals have participated in more than 500 Prime Time programs in 36 states and the Virgin Islands. It was designed to encourage parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics, and aid them in selecting books and becoming active library users.

Youth Services manager Jan Johnson supervised the Princeton Public Library's partnership, with storyteller Helen Wise, reading aloud in English, and youth services librarian Lucia Acosta providing on-the-spot translations of each text into Spanish. Scholar Martina Anderson conducted Q and A sessions after each reading, and preschool activities coordinator Ann Woodrow kept younger siblings of program participants occupied, Tom Hammel served as both chauffeur, picking up participants who would not otherwise have been able to attend, and library cheer leader, providing short video segments describing library services that were shown each week.

For last week's final, celebratory session, Mr. Hammel got to the heart of the matter. Reading the first lines from books like *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *The Little House on the Prairie*, and his own favorite, *The Hobbit*, he talked about books that snag readers from the very beginning. When he began to quote "The sun did not shine/it was too wet to play," the audience happily joined in, recognizing the beginning of an obvious favorite of theirs, The Cat in the Hat, and amply demonstrating Mr. Hammel's belief in "the power of reading," and how "a word, or a sentence, or a paragraph can capture you."

A Community Event

Each week for the last six weeks, families in the Prime Time program gathered in the library's community room at 7:30 for dinners that were provided by Princeton University, Olive's Bakery and Deli, Zorba's Brother, J. B. Winberie's, McCaffrey's, Wegman's and Terra Momo. As people finished their focaccia and fresh fruit on Tuesday evening, older children, library staff, teen volunteers, and parents folded the tables at which they'd been seated, stowing them at the sides of the room and setting up chairs for the appreciative audience they then became. This week's selection was Miss Rumphius, by Barbara Cooney, and after it was read, children asked questions about how the heroine's lupine seeds were able to be spread, and wondered how they could fulfill the book's lesson about making the world a more beautiful place.

In addition to hearing Ms. Wise's readings and Ms. Acosta's translations, the children had been able to take books home each week to read with their parents and prepare to discuss the following week, when they returned the books to the library.

Ms. Johnson described the program as "very rewarding. We are very excited to have been part of this nationwide effort that offers an opportunity for families to learn the concept of reading together in a humanities-based project," she said. "Public libraries have long been places where adult and child learners can learn and practice new skills. This project offered a unique opportunity for the library to expand family literacy opportunities and make a significant contribution to a more literate nation." Although it was an "expensive" program, Ms. Johnson thought that the library would probably offer it again.

The families and children who participated in the program were honored during the final session with certificates, raffle prizes, and a final parting gift: a book they did not have to return to the library.

—Ellen Gilbert

WITH RAPT ATTENTION: Families who attended the Princeton Public Library's recent Prime Time reading program were treated to readings and translations of favorite children's books.

Centennial Dulles Exhibit Opening at Mudd Library

"John Foster Dulles: From Diploma to Diplomat," a new exhibition coming to the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, celebrates the centennial of John Foster Dulles' graduation from Princeton University in 1908 with a chronicle of his diplomatic career and his influence on U.S. foreign policy. The exhibition opens Monday, August 11, and runs through Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Based on the life and work of Mr. Dulles (1888-1959), it begins with his work while still a Princeton student as secretary-clerk of the China delegation at the Second Hague Peace Conference in 1907 and culminates with his service as secretary of state for President Eisenhower from 1953 to 1959.

Drawing predominantly from the John Foster Dulles Papers, as well as other related Mudd Library collections, the exhibition tracks a diplomatic career that spanned both World Wars and the Cold War. As a young diplomat, Dulles participated in the Treaty of Versailles negotiations after World War I.

Following his involvement in studies on fostering world peace during the 1940s, he also served as the U.S. representative to the United Nations and negotiated several treaties for President Truman, including the Japanese Peace Treaty of 1951 which formally ended World War II. As Eisenhower's secretary of state, he ushered in a period of hard-line diplomacy that shaped both the country's relationship with the Soviet Union and its overall Cold War doctrine.

"Though it has been nearly 50 years since he stepped down as secretary of state, the Dulles Papers continue to be among the most heavily used here at the Mudd Manuscript Library," said Daniel J. Linke, University archivist and curator of public policy papers. "This reflects the importance of his tenure as well as the time during which he served. Scholars travel from around the country, as well as Japan and Europe, to study his letters, memoranda, and speeches."

Notable exhibition items relate to his Princeton experience, diplomatic career, State Department service, and his short stint as a junior senator from New York.

The items include photographs of Dulles at meetings and receptions, his articles and journals, event memorabilia, and awards and honors he received for his work. Especially notable items include letters from Wilson, Truman, and Shigero Yoshida, the prime minister of Japan. There are photos documenting his travels around the globe and meetings with world leaders. The cases also feature artifacts from conferences he attended, including a card with the portraits and signatures of foreignministers Anthony Eden, Georges Bidault and Vyacheslav Molotov of Britain, France, and the Soviet Union respectively. On the lighter side, visitors also can listen to a 1957 recording of Carol Burnett's "I Made a Fool of Myself Over John Foster Dulles."

"Dulles was the fifth Princetonian to serve as secretary of state, and the length of his tenure was second only to James Madison's," said Mr. Linke. "While historians may debate the merits of his tenure, none disagree that he served during a seminal time."

"John Foster Dulles: From Diploma to Diplomat" is open to the public without charge from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Starting in September, the library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and, starting in mid-September, evening hours until 7:45 Wednesdays.

Panama Canal, Poetry Featured at Windrows

The Windrows University series continues on Tuesday, August 12, when a resident professor will offer a first-hand account of the building the Panama Canal, while another talks about the art and beauty of poetry. The program will run from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2000 Windrow Drive.

James Meigs, Panama Canal Machinist, Sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps, Economist, and Professor of Ecomonics, at Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Arkansas, and Claremont College in California, will talk about "Building and Expanding the Panama Canal," from 11 to 11:45 a.m. After a lunch break, Rev. Richard S. Armstrong, Pastoral Minister, Author, and former Professor of Practical Theology at Princeton University, will discuss "Songs from Isaiah: Adventures in Rhyme and Meter."

"Two of our resident professors will provide fascinating and entertaining insight into one of the grandest construction projects of all time, along with the beauty and fun of poetry," said Windrows Director of Sales and Marketing Patti Jo Robinson.

Each month Windrows University features speakers from inside and outside of the independent living community campus. The talks are be given by individuals who have enjoyed distinguished careers and lives and want to share their expertise and experiences.

The August 12 lecture marks the second discussion in the series. The event is free and open to the public. A boxed lunch will be served. To attend the event, please RSVP to Patti Jo Robinson at Princeton Windrows at 800-708-7007, or at: robinson@princetonwindrows.com.

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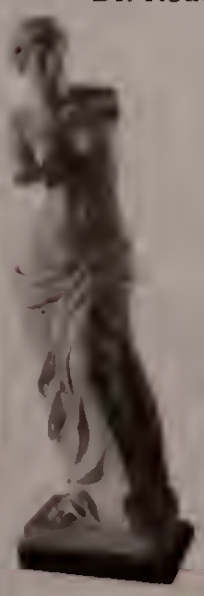

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Mayor, Council Charged With Making Treasury Their "Personal Pork Barrel"

To the Editor:

The financial disaster facing Borough residents is directly attributable to our entrenched one-party government. Mayor Mildred Trotman has been on the scene for more than 20 years and the result is a tax rate approaching confiscatory proportions, leaving struggling residents little margin for subsistence.

The latest plundering of the municipal treasury saw Mayor Trotman and Council dole out pension by proxy to attorney Edward J. Bergman who is paid over $50,000 annually. In addition, the Mayor and Council threw in a personal lifetime endowment of pensions and benefits for Bergman's no-show job in which he admittedly sends a surrogate to do the work. How many others like Bergman are the beneficiaries of the Mayor and Council's lack of business acumen and common sense?

Borough residents had the opportunity to elect a successful businesswoman at the last election but chose to put party politics over the welfare of the community and re-elected Trotman into her third decade of financial mismanagement. Borough residents are now reaping the reward for that folly.

There were 17,000 New Jerseyans who lost their homes in the past year. Tens of thousands more lost their jobs, yet increases in salaries, pensions, and benefits ramble on for municipal, county, and state employees. With so many people losing their homes and jobs, it is an outrage to additionally burden them with increased perks for privileged government employees. Where is it written that bureaucrats are guaranteed increases every year while those who must foot the bill are scrambling to feed their families and maintain a roof over their heads?

The Borough is a multi-million dollar business and requires financial experts to run it, not career politicians who consider the municipal treasury as their personal pork barrel to reward their political friends. By the way, how much is it going to cost residents to finance the Mayor and Council's retirement?

JOHN J. TURI
Westcott Road

Patronage of Library Store Is Urged By Friends Council of Public Library

To the Editor:

The Friends Council of the Princeton Public Library works long and hard to raise money for the Princeton Public Library. Our wonderful Library Store is just one of the ways we try to raise that money. Friends Council members and dedicated, trained volunteers from the community help keep the store running smoothly under the direction of our talented store manager.

With parking problems and retail woes the store has been struggling to make a profit for the Library. We are realistic about the need to keep the store profitable and are considering options on just how to do that. We are looking at the results of a recent survey filled out by customers and library users and we are getting creative ideas of what to stock now and for the holidays, what hours work best, and a general wish list from our customers.

Of course the best way to keep the store profitable would be to have the entire community shop there for treasures and gifts. We have a wonderful selection for everyone in the family. Library Friends get a discount.

We currently have some terrific summer bargains. Library users now have more free parking time, so we urge people to come on in and shop for unusual treats, save on our bargains, and help the Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

PAM WAKEFIELD
President
Friends of the Princeton Public Library

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"You can't treat someone in a vacuum," says Jean Robinson, Volition founder, executive director, and co-owner. A nationally certified, licensed professional counselor, she strongly advocates achieving optimum wellness through a holistic, integrated approach.

"Our culture teaches people to look outside themselves for answers," she continues. "But one's own life events and interests result in life lessons. It's really important to learn to go within. Meditation is something that can help do that. It quiets the mind. Most of us have this 'chatter' and 'static' going on. Meditation helps a person to get in touch with their inner self. Mind, body, spirit, and emotions must all be in balance."

Volition Wellness Solutions, which Ms. Robinson opened in May at 842 State Road with co-owner Pat Czeto, is a holistic wellness center offering an integrated and balanced health plan blending conventional and complementary approaches.

Many Options

"We offer a variety of services here," says Ms. Czeto. "They include acupuncture, counseling, meditation, life coaching, nutritional counseling, yoga, Pilates, personal training, also Reiki (energy therapy), breathwork therapy, Feldenkrais, and reflexology, among others. A very popular service is Nia, a combination of dance, martial arts, and yoga, with an emphasis on making exercise fun."

These services are offered by a team of 12 licensed and certified healthcare and fitness professionals, who provide a welcoming, supportive environment for clients. Many options are available: an overall integrated health plan; participating in one or more individual services; or selecting a combination of services as a package.

"Our model includes clinical assessments, individualized health coaching, and therapeutic support," note Ms. Robinson and Ms. Czeto. "Our unique approach provides our clients with the most resourceful, cutting edge models of health care and cultivates an environment which allows the client to proactively create health. Our intention is to empower our clients to achieve their maximum health and well-being.

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"I have a real desire to be of service to people," adds Ms. Robinson, who specializes in counseling, including marriage, family, individual, life coaching, and meditation. "The idea of doing this came about as a vision when I was in graduate school. It occurred to me that there was a better approach to health care: a team-integrated approach looking at the individual as a whole."

"Our entire team is looking for the best ways to benefit the client," points out Ms. Czeto, who is skilled in several areas, including certification as a Reiki master. She has completed advanced levels in integrated energy therapy and breathwork therapy.

Particular Interest

She also has a particular interest in nutrition, having formerly directed the Regional Wellness Program and Nutrition Education Committee for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. As Regional Director of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, Ms. Czeto directed nine state agencies.

"We have a nutritionist who is a registered dietician, and a food consultant who can help people shop, organize the pantry, etc. And we can help with therapeutic life-style and diet changes for conditions such as diabetes and others."

"We also have a health consultant, a registered nurse, who can assess what services will best benefit a client, that is, if they have a specific medical condition," adds Ms. Robinson. "Then, we can use the integrated team approach. For example, counseling, with breath therapy, Reiki, yoga, etc. Our clinical team comes together on a regular basis to discuss how the clients are doing."

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"The body stores memories, both good and bad. By focusing on the breath, the flow of energy in the body can be increased, and then the memories can be released. Some of the memories could be something that is standing in the way of the individual having a happy life experience."

In addition to the regularly scheduled services, Volition offers a series of weekend workshops, including a wide range of topics, such as acupuncture, food awareness, life coaching, movement awareness, nutrition, personal training, stress relief, and weight management.

Targeted Groups

Also available are education and community outreach programs, including corporate seminars, senior group workshops, school presentations, and women's group workshops.

HEALTHY CHOICES: "Our mission is to help people choose a healthy lifestyle. We want to empower individuals by educating them in how to tap into their own wellness potential." Jean Robinson, left, and Pat Czeto, owners of Volition Wellness Solutions, believe in an integrated, holistic approach to wellness.

Eventually Volition hopes to establish a series of retreats, adds Ms. Robinson. "We want to offer an off-site retreat where we can replicate what we have here in another setting. Taking your wellness on the road!"

She and Ms. Czeto are very pleased with the response of clients, who are all ages, from all over the area, and who appreciate Volition's unique combination of services. "We are hoping to introduce a new thought. We're looking to educate and empower the clients to know they can learn to be healthy. You can find a lot of these services out there, but what differentiates us is the team approach.

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When dealing with the inevitable — that is, in terms of a final resting place — the help of caring and thoughtful cemetery or mausoleum representatives can make a big difference.

Whether one has planned ahead (always advisable) or is facing such a difficult decision at the time of a loved one's death, the advice and guidance of someone with experience and compassion is crucial.

Such a person is Ed Wilson. Director of Franklin Memorial Park, he has been helping families make final arrangements for the past 11 years. After an earlier career in the textile equipment business, the New Jersey native made a definitive life change.

"I was a cancer survivor, and it changed my focus," he explains. "I found I wanted to help people during especially difficult times. My dad always said I was the one who could help people when times were tough, and that somehow I knew what to say. I come from a compassionate frish family, and I think that gave me this ability."

New Spaces

Mr. Wilson assists people with information about all the options at Franklin Memorial Park, which is located on Route 27 and Cozzens Lane in North Brunswick. "Part of my ministry is to encourage people to purchase ahead of time," he notes. "This not only saves money, but ensures that their family won't have to deal with these decisions on the worst day of their life."

Opened in 1923 as a cemetery, the 60-acre memorial park is owned and operated by Jonathan Pace. It added the Chapel of Meditation Mausoleum in 1974 (one of the first in the area) and the Chapel of Serenity Mausoleum six years ago. The latter is currently under expansion to add 300 new spaces.

Underground burial is still the traditional choice, but aboveground mausoleum entombment is increasingly in demand, notes Mr. Wilson. "It used to be thought that only the rich could do it, but now, aboveground mausoleums are becoming affordable, and can be available to many. Also, statistics show that the value of mausoleum property doubles every four years.

"Our two mausoleums are 80 percent reserved, and together will hold 6,000 remains. We are also continuing to expand. Eventually, we expect to have room for 20,000. In a mausoleum, because of the way the crypts are arranged, you look up, not down, as at the grave stones in a cemetery. Some people think this is easier on the people left behind."

Mausaleum Chaices

There are a variety of mausoleum choices, especially as to size of crypt and location, he adds. All crypts are overlaid with marble from Italy, and can hold remains or cremains, if the deceased has been cremated. In addition to the sealed crypts, there are glass front story niches in which urns are visible, along with memorabilia, mementos, photos, letters, etc. There is a great opportunity for personatization, and in some cases, communal urns, in which cremains are comingled, are chosen.

There are also large family estate private rooms, with crypts for several family members. Mr. Wilson notes that family and friends often come to pay respects on their loved one's birthday, Mother's Day, or other special occasions.

Both mausoleums have chapels in which funeral services are held, as well as candlelight services at Christmas and Easter, which are for family members and friends of those entombed or interred at Franklin. These are special for Mr. Wilson, who notes that "many people come, and we have singing and speakers. People look forward to these services."

In the Chapel of Meditation Mausoleum, there is also a crematory, with a final viewing room for family members to gather, if they wish.

In Demand

Cremation is growing 26 percent every year, reports Mr. Wilson, and has become increasingly in demand in the past 10 years. While still not as prevalent as traditional burial, it is far more widespread than in the past.

The Franklin Memorial Park cemetery, which features flat memorial markers, not upright headstones, still has 17,000 available spaces underground and 36 remaining acres, he adds.

The entire park, including cemetery and mausoleums, is carefully and attractively maintained, with flowers lining the driveway, and large marble statues and decorative pieces situated throughout the area. Both the cemetery and mausoleums have perpetual care.

Flags are placed on veterans' graves and in the mausoleums on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. On Mother's Day, Mr. Wilson gives a flower to each person visiting the grave or crypt of a mother.

"We are non-denominational, with every faith and every nationality represented," points out Mr. Wilson. "We are the final resting place for people from all over, including Princeton and the area, and also Lakewood, Leisure Village, Old Bridge, and out of state as well.

"The park has always been a leader within the ethnic community. We are sympathetic to the community and its environment. No one is ever turned away, whether it's the richest or the poorest."

Traditianal Burial

The cost of one's final resting place can be substantial, and pre-planning often results in savings, says Mr. Wilson. "Our in-ground plots are $900, and will hold two people. Mausoleums are $3200 and up, and payment plans are available."

He notes that when funeral home costs, coffins, concrete vaults, etc., needed for traditional burial are calculated, those prices can be more than the cost of mausoleum entomhment.

"Ours is a state-of-the-art mausoleum, environmentally controlled and vented," he notes. "Also, we belong to the International Credit Exchange program. If someone buys a crypt here, but then has to move to another location, they can get a crypt in a mausoleum there. They can move, still be protected and not have to worry."

Helping people not to worry is a priority of Mr. Wilson. "I love people, and I love talking with them. I want to help them make the best decision for their needs. We really form a personal relationship with people. All of our counselors are certified by the state of New Jersey and by the Cemetery Board.

"We continue to attend conferences and seminars twice a year to learn about what's going on in the industry. There is a real camaraderie among the people in the cemetery industry and a super professionalism. New Jersey ranks in the top five states for excellence in the cemetery industry."

"I look forward to serving more people with the completion of our addition, and maintaining our reputation as a leader in the New Jersey cemetery community."

Franklin Memorial Park's office is open Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no gates, and people may visit when they wisb. Mausolenm owners have keys for entry after hours. (732) 545-4184.

—Jean Strattan

FINAL DECISIONS: "The satisfaction of helping families in a time of need is important to me. I feel I can make a difference in someone's life, and I'm grateful for that ability and to have compassion and empathy for people." Ed Wilson, Director of Family Services of Franklin Memorial Park, is shown in the Chapel of Meditation Mausoleum.

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ART REVIEW

James A. Michener Art Museum at New Hope

Art and the River: The Audacity of New Hope

"New Hope! It's rother curious that we should have selected a town by thot name as our first stopping place. It wos o beautiful spot, too, reminding me somewhat of a slumbering European villoge."

Henry Miller in
The Air-Conditioned Nightmore

Back in his homeland in 1941 after a decade abroad, the author of *Tropic of Cancer* could see nothing but mockery in the name of the first stop on his journey through the U.S.A. in a 1932 Buick. Although he had come to the artists colony on the banks of the Delaware to visit abstract painter Bill Ney, a kindred spirit whom he found to be "the very symbol of new hope, new enthusiasm, new deals," he nevertheless concluded that there was "no hope for the artist" in America.

Miller's pessimism is belied by "Art and the River," the lively, essentially optimistic exhibit at the Michener Art Museum in New Hope, where a watercolor by Bill Ney himself (*View from New Street*) is among over 50 works celebrating the Delaware River and Delaware Canal now on view in the Della Penna Gallery through October 5. Evidence of "the symbol of new hope's" impact on the local scene can be found on the museum's impressively wide-ranging interactive database for the Bucks County Artists (www.michenermuseum.org/bucksartists), which credits Ney with changing the face of the town during his 40 years there: "Building and remodeling property on Mechanic Street, he transformed it into an artist's community, dubbed the Latin Quarter. He also built the Tow Path House "and introduced an abstract, non objective aesthetic to the area" that set him apart from "the impressionists who dominated the New Hope art scene" at the time. In 1927 this "outspoken modernist" led a group of progressive artists to secede from the "too conservative" Phillips Mill exhibition. Three decades later the same exhibition was awarding him top prize.

Charles Frederic Ramsey, who joined Ney in seceding and then founded The New Group in 1930, is represented in "Art and the River" under the category New Hope Modernism. The playful and compelling central image in his oil, *The Cloud* (ca. 1919), is the sort that invites Rorshach-style guessing games. You can almost imagine a preview of Disney in the early-Mickey-Mouse shape of the cloud, like a sprawling, seemingly freeform subversion of the geometric vision suggested by the bright, blocky, autumnal landscape laid out below it. Mainly, it's fun to look at, a whimsical cloud floating over a formation of child's building blocks. The building-block simplicity is more starkly figured in Ramsey's *The New Hope — Lambertville Bridge*. Painted in 1919 and looking as fresh as yesterday afternoon, this oil on cardboard laid on masonite is one of the works I kept coming back to admire. I wonder what those more conservative impressionists made of this joyous, righteously "non objective" vision? It's hard to imagine how anyone from any school of art could resist it. Born in France in 1875, Ramsey camouflaged ships for the war effort during World War II and settled in New Hope in 1917 after being dismissed as director of the Minneapolis School of Art "for alleged socialist views."

On the same wall with Ramsey's two paintings is a much larger work by a later abstract artist, Alan Goldstein (b. 1938), whose oil and charcoal on canvas, *Upriver From Lambertville Walking Bridge II* (ca. 1981), would almost certainly have riled the jurors at the 1927 Phillips Mill exhibition. The work resembles a template construct of the scene where the subdued fall colors of the shore meet the varying blue segments of the the Delaware, which is more often than not seen as blue in "Art and the River." Like Ramsey's bridge, Goldstein's invites you into the scene. An abstract triptych that could be compared to a flattened piece of sculpture or a do-it-yourself mobile kit, it not only turns the view on its head, it disassembles it; you almost feel that you could move it about like the backdrop for a stage set; no wonder then that, according to the database, Goldstein approached a career in painting by way of architecture and set design.

STEPHEN SONDHEIM IN NEW HOPE: This photograph of composer Stephen Sondheim was taken at New Hope in the 1960s by Jack Rosen and can be seen in "Art and the River" at the James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope. The exhibition will run through October 5. You can find a wealth of information about various Bucks County artists on the museum's interactive database at www.michenermuseum.org/bucksartists.

Lights in Windows

The idea that the politics of aesthetics could have created dissension among these painters hardly seems credible when you see how well the show's images complement one another, whether grouped with the Contemporary Scene or the Impressionist Tradition or New Hope Modernism. As much as I enjoyed the abstract visions of Ramsey and Goldstein, not to mention pure landscapes like Daniel Garber's *The Quarry* and Lowry's *Hill* and Edward Redfield's *Eorly Spring*, and darkly moody early work like William C. Lathrop's *Misty Doy on the Canol* from 1903, I was especially intrigued by the subtle glimmers of the human presence in the form of lighted windows all but lost in darkness, as in George Sotter's *Christmos on the Conol* or Walter Schofield's *Winter Londscape*, and most extravagantly, in the lights, at once festive, magical, and sinister, in Anthony Michael Autorino's *Bridge Street from Rail Yord*. (Magical for sure, since the documentation places the painting ca. 1920 when the artist was born in 1938.)

Among the most impressive works in the show is Robert Beck's *Second Crossing*, a night scene in which you're staring head-on at the dark prow of the most famous boat that ever crossed the Delaware. The vague human forms that you can barely discern need no introduction. The conventional renditions of Washington crossing the Delaware are side views. This one is coming magnificently right at you while in the dark hills of the background you can see one or two scattered lights that might be camp fires or lighted windows or anything you care to imagine.

Not surprisingly in an exhibit where a river and a canal are the subjects, these glimpses of human presence are rare, by day or by night (with the exception of Stephen Sondheim). While the notion of hope may have little to do with landscapes, river views, or cloud formations, those lighted windows suggest that people are somewhere on the other side hoping, or dreaming, or reading, or making love, or writing, or painting.

Bucks County Luminaries

One of the saddest aspects of the impending permanent closing of the New Hope branch of the Michener in February 2009 is the loss of a remarkable permanent display on the history and the future of the arts in Bucks County — a multi-media, interactive exhibition highlighting the life and work of the artists, authors, playwrights, lyricists, and composers who have lived and worked in the area, including Oscar Hammerstein, Moss Hart, George S. Kaufman, Dorothy Parker, S.J. Perlman, Pearl Buck, Henry Chapman Mercer, and Harlem Renaissance novelist Jean Toomer, whose novel *Cane* has been architecturally assembled in the gallery, page by page in its entirety, a veritable house of words. The Moss Hart exhibit features an actual stage door, and there's even a "newsstand" displaying magazines of the period when Perlman and Parker were in their New Yorker prime. In the video theater you can see clips from innumerable Hollywood films featuring the contributions of Bucks County writers and composers, from *The Jazz Singer* and *Animal Crackers* to *On the Waterfront*. It's a supremely imaginative celebration and we can only hope that the Michener administration and the powers that be in New Hope will find another home for it somewhere in the town. It's a natural tourist attraction that has been overlooked and that should not be missed. The museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive, New Hope. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday (Memorial Day through Labor Day) 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.michenerartmuseum.org for further information.

"Art and the River" is sponsored by Jim's of Lambertville Fine Art Gallery. Additional funding is provided by Lou & Carol Della Penna, Marsha Brown Creole Kitchen at the Olde Stone Church, Nouveau Magazine, Park Place Antique Jewelry, and Lambertville House.

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AU JARDIN DE PROUST: Frank Magalhães took this photograph of Rita Z. Asch's "sound landscape," which will feature the voice of Charles Rojer and sound engineering by Mr. Magalhães, who is also represented by six monochrome photographs in joined acrylic frames as part of "In Suspension," which will be at the Mason Gross Galleries through September 11, with a closing reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on the last day.

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Art

Area Artists on View In Rutgers Exhibition

Princeton area artists Margaret Kennard Johnson, Rita Asch, and Frank Magalhães have works in the Mason Gross Galleries exhibit, "In Suspension," which features creations by 21 artists and will run through September 11, with a closing reception from 5 to 7 p.m. that day.

"In Suspension" cuts across the boundaries that separate painting, sculpture and installation by featuring each piece suspended in some fashion, thereby challenging the traditional use of the gallery space and forcing a more direct confrontation with the viewer. The exhibition will be amplified by several historical examples, including a classic work by Alexander Calder, as well as text, photos and appropriated pieces that reference works by Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray which hung from their studio ceilings at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The featured artists have worked in a wide variety of materials, including paint, watercolor, metal, glass, wood, sound, light, photography, images printed on silk, bird cage, rope, nylon mesh, pipe cleaners, Styrofoam balls, and feathers. A number of the participants have strong ties to the Mason Gross School of the Arts and the Rutgers (now Brodsky) Center for innovative Printing and Papermaking.

Photos of Cuban Farm Life At Michener Art Museum

Black and white photographs depicting tobacco farmers, their families and a rural landscape in Cuba's Pinar del Rio Province will be on view in the Pfundt Gallery at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa., from August 16 through January 4, 2009. "Cuba: Camp Adentro," meaning "deep within the country," is a series by Philadelphia photographer Susan S. Bank, who stumbled upon an agricultural community in the Valley of Vinales in 2002 while on break from a project in Havana. Working simply with a 35mm camera on return visits to barrio Cuajaní over the next five years, she documented 10 households who appeared to have never before been photographed. They are pictured growing their own food, surviving without any modern conveniences and living a life firmly anchored in family, neighbors, animals and love of their land.

According to Kristy Krivitsky, the Museum's associate curator of Contemporary Art, "Susan Bank's photographs are not just documents of farmers living in rural Cuba. They are powerful compositions in which people, animals and landscape are integrated into a new kind of whole. The photographs act as a visual diary of her time immersed in that culture and the result is poetic, fantastical, and compelling."

Ms. Bank received her artistic training at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and also studied in Mexico with the photographers Mary Ellen Mark and Gracieia Iturbide and later with Constantine Manos in Havana. Her work has been published in Camera Arts and The Photo Review. The Campo Adentro series has received various local and national awards including the Fleischer Challenge Award, Perkins Center Juror's Award, Texas Photo Project and Santa Fe Project Competition Juror's Choice Award. The photographer was also the recipient of a Leeway Foundation grant in 2002. "Prior to Cuba: Campo Adentro," her most widely recognized work is a series of photographs that document the people of the resort town of Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts.

In the preface of the exhibition catalogue, Ms. Bank writes: "Having grown-up in a depressed but culturally rich New England island village in the 1940s, I shared with the compesinos (tobacco farmers) a sense of 'tamed space' and community life. Unlike Walker Evans who was assigned to Cuba in 1933 to expose poverty for Carlton Beals's book *The Crime of Cubo*, or Dorothea Lange who followed migrant workers during the Great Depression for the Farm Security Administration, I had no political agenda. I had no intent to disturb life in el campo. I did, however, have to guard against drifting into a romantic vision of a way of life that on the surface appeared to be exotic and perfectly harmonious."

Her goal, as she says, was both "to show the raw, essential details of daily life and at the same time dig deeper, to transcend the reality of what is there, and to confront the enigma of human nature."

The exhibit is sponsored by Mary Lou and Andrew Abruzzese of The Pineville Tavern.

An accompanying monograph entitled *Cubo: Compo Adentro* is available for $50 in the Museum Shop ($45 for Museum members). Published in June 2008 by Sagamore Press, the bilingual work consists of 84 pages, 48 black and white images printed in quad-tone, a preface by the artist and an essay by Cuban art critic Juan Antonio Molina.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown and at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. For current Museum hours and admission information, visit our website at www.michenerartmusem.org or call the main phone number: (215) 340-9800.

"GUILLERMO AND FAMILY IN COCHINA": This toned silver gelatin print on paper by Susan S. Bank is among the photographs in "Cuba: Camp Adentro," which will be on view in the Pfundt Gallery at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown from August 16 through January 4, 2009.

Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery at 32 Coryell Street in Lambertville is presenting "Thirteen and Thirty," the latest show by Gail Bracegirdle and Rich Harrington. It will be on view Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 31, with an opening reception on Saturday, August 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Arts Council of Princeton begins life in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts with "Return: Home," which features 11 New Jersey-affiliated artists who explore the meaning of "home" from personal, political, and cultural perspectives. The exhibit runs through September 6.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton is hosting "Our Historic Landscape," a special exhibition featuring historic photographs of the area alongside contemporary views of the same locations through September in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery at the Johnson Education Center. The exhibition is a collaboration with the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton Photography Club.

The Erdman Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting the First Annual Visual Arts Exhibit of The Mercer County Teen Arts Festival featuring works from dozens of local middle and high school students. The exhibit, designed and installed by Jennifer Concha, will be on display through September 6.

Gallery 125 at 125 S. Warren Street in Trenton is presenting a Trenton 2 Night Fiesta, "Artista Cuba — The Art of Cuba," which will open August 8 with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served from 6 to 7. Afro-Cuban music will be performed by Machuko's Trabuco.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting the cutting edge metal sculpture of Robert Koch in the Toad Hall Shop & Gallery. The show will run through October 12. Sculptures by Peter Voulkos and Toshiko Takaezu are on display in the museum building. On view in the Domestic Arts Building are pieces by Peter Cailas, Paul Chaleff, Robert T. Cooke, Takeao Okazaki, and Rudolph Serra. Outside, visitors will find work by Larry Estridge and Lila Katzen. The Tots on Tour program, where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities, takes place the third Saturday of every month through October at 11 a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting, in cooperation with the Princeton Public Library and the Arts Council of Princeton, *100 Waiting Children*, a Heart Gallery of New Jersey special photographic exhibition, which will be on view at the library, 65 Witherspoon Street, as well as at Bainbridge House, through Sunday, August 10.

The James A. Michener Art Museum at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown is exhibiting contemporary baskets from the Sara and David Liberman Collection in the Fred Beans gallery through November 2. Now open in the Wachovia Gallery is "Dog Dogs," a sampling from an extensive series by American photojournalist Elliott Erwitt; the tentative closing date, August 31, is subject to change due to an expansion project at the Museum. "Art and the River" is at the Della Penna Gallery in James A. Michener Museum in New Hope through October 5. The New Hope branch will permanently close in February 2009.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "Painting from the Grave: The Early Work of Boris Sveshnikov," in the DuBrow Gallery through October 12. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Lawreoce Headquarters Branch Library is presenting Princeton photographer John Wherry's exhibit, "Flowers," from now through August 30 in the East Lobby.

The Mason Gross Galleries, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick is presenting "In Suspension," which features works by 21 artists in the context of the title theme,. The current exhibit will run through September 11, with a closing reception from 5 to 7 p.m. that day.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" through January 11, 2009.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its reopening with "Culture In Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists.

The Plainsboro Public Library is supporting the Library's Cultural Crossroads summer discovery program by exhibiting an International Mail Art show of 142 bookmarks, representing 24 countries, six continents, and 79 artists. The exhibit will run through August 31. For details and/or directions, call (609) 275-2897 or check the web at www.lmxac.org/plainsboro.

The Princeton University Art Museum's upper galleries will be closed for a restoration project through September 5. The lower galleries, which feature collections of the arts of Asia and Africa and ancient art of the Americas and the Mediterranean, will remain open.

Queenstown Gallery, 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell, is presenting "Watercolor Anarchy" through September 6. For more information, call (609) 466-0817.

Small World Coffee at 14 Witherspoon Street is showing art by Hal Studholme through September 2. Miriam LeClair's photography will be on view at Small World's 254 Nassau Street branch from August 6 through September 2, with an opening reception at 6 p.m. on August 8.

The University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) will present a watercolor art exhibition by Deborah Paglione. The collection may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through September 17.

The West Windsor Arts Council is presenting an interactive visual arts project referencing the work of Alexander Calder at the West Windsor Community Farmers' Market on Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is located on the Vaughn Drive Parking Lot of the Princeton Junction Train Station off Alexander Road.

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WORK IN PROGRESS: A preview of the August 9 event at which graffiti artists from across the nation will decorate TerraCycle of Trenton's factory walls. Open to the public, the event will feature local food vendors, musicians, and children from summer programs.

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THEATER REVIEW

Blithe Spirit

Marital Chaos Ensues When Deceased Wife Returns From the Dead In PST Season Finale, "Blithe Spirit," Classic Noel Coward Comedy

To audiences of a certain age, to mention Noel Coward is to evoke images of a man and a collection of plays that epitomize urbane sophistication, elegance, and dazzlingly clever dialogue. The world of Coward — celebrated British playwright, actor, and composer from the 1920s until his death in 1973 — is a world whose inhabitants "dress for dinner" (tuxedoes and evening gowns), a world of expertly crafted dry martinis and epigrams ("It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit."), ivory cigarette holders, and velvet smoking jackets.

Blithe Spirit, Princeton Summer Theater's season finale, running through Sunday August 10, vibrantly embodies the quintessential Coward spirit and endures as one of his best loved comedies. Written in Wales in just five days in 1941 after Coward's London office and apartment had been destroyed by the Blitz, *Blithe Spirit* is an entertaining glimpse of the human comedy in action: a love triangle, two marriages, and the added bonus of a dynamic supernatural element to spice up the concoction.

A youthful, talented PST company, under the direction of Princeton University senior Lovell Holder, has transplanted this ghostly comedy from Coward's stylish living room setting to a covered back porch in Wilmington, North Carolina. The lively, entertaining plot and much of Coward's humor, wit, eloquence, and urbanity are here intact, but Mr. Holder's production does take the edge off this dazzling farce.

Southern accents and informality might not be the most effective vehicle for delivering Coward's relentlessly witty, rapid-fire bon mots. In any case, a range of accents — from deep southern to British — and less than perfect diction on opening night made too many lines difficult for the audience to understand. Also, the young actors — all in the vicinity of twenty years old — are understandably hard pressed to embody the kind of jaded, middle-aged sophistication that should characterize Coward's protagonists. Princeton Summer Theater 2008 has presented an impressive array of hits this season — Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, William Inge's *Bus Stop*, J. B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* — inspired in staging and performance. Their production of *Blithe Spirit* is down a notch in quality.

Blithe Spirit is the story of a writer, Charles Condomine (Aaron Strand), who is doing research for a book on the supernatural. He and his wife Ruth (Georgie Sherrington) have invited Madame Arcati (Heather May), a well-known local medium, to hold an after-dinner séance. Neighbors Dr. and Mrs. Bradman (Tyler Crosby and Tara Richter-Smith) are also invited.

As Madame Arcati warns, "Anything might happen when I am in a trance," and, to Charles' astonishment, his former wife Elvira (Veronica Siverd), deceased seven years earlier, returns to visit from the "other side." She is visible and audible only to Charles — a fact causing much consternation for Ruth and Charles and much humor for the audience.

Elvira takes delight in wreaking havoc in Charles' current marriage before plotting to take him with her. Ruth passes through stages of anger, concern for her husband's sanity, then determination to send her ghostly counterpart back where she came from. The rivalry heats up, the conflict intensifies, and everybody's plans take a series of unpredictable turns.

Mr. Strand is an articulate central character as the bewildered and beleaguered husband caught between his two wives. Ms. Sherrington brings a British accent (She's the outsider in this North Carolina community, a director's note explains.) and a focused, convincing characterization to the role of Mrs. Condomine, but does not always deliver her lines with sufficient clarity of diction. Ms. Siverd's supernatural Elvira — blond, bubbly, and brazen, looking to enjoy herself and her mischievous activities — provides a vivid contrast to the severity and intensity of her adversary. Ms. May is engaging and amusing as the eccentric medium, and Mr. Crosby and Ms. Richter Smith provide a convincingly drall picture of a bickering, dysfunctional, upper middle class southern marriage. Jessica Taylor, as the bumbling maid, is comical, but often less than credible in her extremes of expression and behavior.

A GHOSTLY MENAGE: Elvira (Veronica Siverd, left) returns from the dead to rejoin her widower husband Charles (Aaron Strand) and cause chaos in his new marriage with Ruth (Georgie Sherrington) in Princefon Summer Theater's production of Noel Coward's "Bilthe Spirit," at the Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus through August 10.

"Blithe Spirit" will run August 7-10, with performonces at 8 p.m. Thursday to Soturdoy ond at 2 p.m. on Soturdoy and Sunday, at the Hamilton Murray Theoter on the Princeton University campus. For tickets call (609) 258-7062 or visit www.princetonsummertheoter.org.

Allen Grimm's set and lighting design is effective in depicting the Condamine's covered back porch, complete with potted palms, white wicker furniture, latticework covered with colorful flowers, and all the details necessary to bring this North Carolina setting to life. Sliding wall panels help to achieve the requisite ghostly entrances and exits, and other special effects — with appropriate sound and props by Mitch Frank — bring about the dramatic supernatural happenings (though the final scene on opening night was strangely subdued).

Blithe Spirit, the lightest of comedies written in the darkest days of World War II, is a play about death, as it is also about the ghosts (literal and figurative) of the past that return to haunt us. It is about marriage, fidelity and infidelity, and the inevitable strains of prolonged human relationships.

But above all this most popular Noel Coward comedy is about wit, high spirits, and pure entertainment. As a character from Private Lives (which might be Coward's best loved play if Blithe Spirit isn't) declares, "All the futile moralists who try to make life unbearable. Laugh at them. Be flippant ... pity the poor philosophers." *Princeton Summer Theater's Blithe Spirit offers a happy finale to an outstanding 2008 season.*

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Joanne Nosuchinsky

New Play by Cheiten, "The Star," to Debut On Princeton Campus

The Stor, a new pfay by Princeton resident Marvin Harold Cfieiten, will have its world premiere at Princeton University's Hamilton Murray Theater August 15 through August 24. It is the story of a young New Jersey actress who goes to Hollywood to make it big in motion pictures, but discovers to her sorrow that the more successful she is, the more miserable she is.

Mr. Cheiten has included in the play almost every disaster that can befall a performer in show business, and describes the work as a "pretty dark comedy."

The star of *The Stor* will be the young actress Joanne Nosucfiinsky, a junior Fine Arts major at Rider University where she is the recipient of a four-year theatre scholarship. fn addition to appearing in two other plays by Mr. Cheiten, Ms. Nosuchinsky is perhaps best known for her performances as Little Sally in *Urinetown* and as Catherine in *Proof*.

The other members of *The Stor*'s cast are Ryan Curtis, Ken Schwarz, Franny Silverman, and Jason Szamreta. Mr. Schwarz has the challenging task of playing four separate characters, all different on the outside but exploitative show-business types beneath the surface.

The Stor is the fourth new play from Mr. Cheiten in as many years. The others, *Zenobio*, *Miss Connections*, and *Whizzer's Island*, all had their premieres at the Hamilton Murray Theater in conjunction with Princeton Summer Theater and Theatre fntime. The author of numerous essays, short stories, and one-act plays, Mr. Cheiten's work has appeared in many periodicals including the last efeven of US 1's Summer Fiction Issues.

The director of The Stor, Dan Berkowitz, is welf known locally, having cofounded the Nassau Inn Cabaret and directed many shows at Theatre Intime. He is the author of several Off-Broadway plays and is presently the West Coast representative of the Dramatists Guild. He has directed all of Mr. Cheiten's New Jersey pfays since the two met as Princeton students.

Performances of The Stor will be August 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. (tickets $20) and August 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. (tickets $16). Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at (609) 258-7062.

For more information,

Princeton Ballet School Ends Summer Intensive

One hundred students from Bolivia, France, Italy, and 18 U.S. states concluded their five-week balfet study at American Repertory Ballet's Princeton Ballet School's Summer Intensive with a public performance July 25 at the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

The students had danced from 9 to S, Monday through Friday, with teachers from the tri-state area in the Summer Intensive program focused on training in ballet. Cfasses were also given in Body Mechanics, Nutrition, Theatre Dance, and Contemporary Dance.

Teachers for the program included Mary Barton, staff member at ARB's Princeton Balfet School and former dancer with Washington Baffet, Ofdenburg Staat Ballet, Joffrey Balfet, and American Repertory Ballet; Dougfas Martin, staff member at ARB's Princeton Balfet School and former dancer with Joffrey Ballet and American Repertory Ballet; Mary Youskevitch, staff member at ARB's Princeton Ballet Schoof and former soloist with American Ballet Theatre and Maryfand Ballet; Bat Abbit, American Repertory Ballet's Ballet Master; Peggy Petteway, American Repertory Baflet; Kathleen Moore, American Repertory Ballet's Balfet Mistress and former Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre; Kyra Nichols, former Principaf Dancer with New York City Ballet; and Graham Lustig, Artistic Director of American Repertory Ballet.

DDDHS AND DZ: Starring in "The Wfzard ot Dz" at The Dpen Air Theater in Washington Crossing State Park in Titusvifle are Eva Eskow as Dorothy, Callie Faulk as Glinda, Alexis Fedderman as The Witch, Timothy Cooper as The Tin Man, Taylor Morano as The Scarecrow, and Taylor Hochull as The Lfon. The show is concfuding the summer Children's Theater season at the theater with performances tonight at 7 p.m. and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 11, 12, and 13 at 7 p.m. Afl seats are $8, avaflable by phone at (609) 737-4323 or online at www.musfcaftheater.com.

Guest teachers incfuded Geoffrey Doig-Marx, Artistic Director and Founder of The Mantis Project Dance Company and faculty member of ARB's Princeton Ballet School; Andrew Pirozzi, an alumnus of ARB's Princeton Ballet School who is currently part of the *Dirty Doncing* national tour; and Jennifer Tinsley-Williams, soloist with New York City Ballet.

The culminating performance starled with *Beoutifufly Beethoven* featuring four pieces choreographed for the students. The second half of the program included excerpts from the second act of *Lo Bayodere*, choreographed by Marius Petipa and staged by Maria Youskevitch.

Founded in 1954 and led by Mary Pat Robertson, the Princeton Ballet Schoof provides a complete curriculum in ballet. There are classes for children and adults, including special class sections for young boys. The schoof also offers a Professional Training Program, an Open Enrollment Division, and an international Summer Intensive. The school is the official schoof of American Repertory Ballet, a 28-year-old contemporary ballet-based dance company.

Acting Academy is Added To Local Dance Company

The West Windsor Plainsboro Dance Company has announced the creation of a new theater program, which hopes "to train young talent to achieve excellence in their performing skills," according to its director, Olga Talyn.

Twelve-week sessions for both youngsters and adults will start in September. Classes will include Monologue and Scene Study, Musical Performance for Singers, and fmprovisation and Theater Games. Guest artists from theater, film, television, and music will offer master classes throughout the year.

All sessions will be held at the Dance Corner's studios in West Windsor and Plainsboro. For details please contact: The Dance Corner Directors Roni Wilityer or Amy DeCesare at (609) 799-9677, or thedancecorner@aof.com; or visit the website at www.thedancecorner.org.

An actress-singer, Ms. Talyn is a locaf resident with over 30 years of professional performing, directing, and teaching experience. Her career began when she replaced Jane Curtin in the improvisational revue The *Proposition*, where she spent six years both as performer and director. She was an original cast member of The *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway, and won the Carbonnell Award for best supporting actress for her portrayal of Madame Giry in the national Broadway tour of the show. She was the founder and director of the teen company for the First All Children's Theater in New York.

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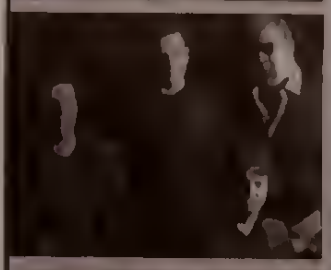

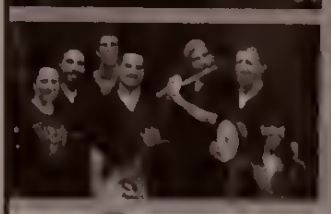

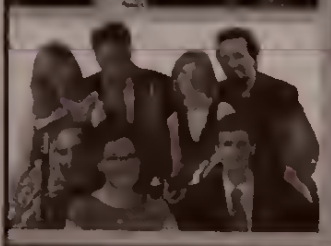

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B.D. Wong

"Herringbone" Discussion To Start Library Series

The celebrated actor B.D. Wong and director Roger Rees will open a new season of McCarter Live at the Library on Thursday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Princeton Public Library with a discussion of *Herringbone*, Mr. Wong's one-man, multi-character musical that kicks off McCarter's new season in September.

Mr. Wong plays all 11 characters in *Herringbone*, a ghost story with a vaudeville twist. When 8-year-old George discovers his gift for tap dancing, everyone wants a piece of him. As the adults around him exploit his talents, George finds himself in a profound supernatural struggle for control over body and soul.

With witty lyrics and a tuneful score, the musical includes a dash of murder calculated to surprise and beguile the audience.

Mr. Wong is the only actor ever to receive all five major New York theater awards for a single role, in *M. Butterfly*. He currently stars in TV's *Law and Order: SVU*, and has appeared on Broadway in *Pacific Overtures* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. He has been seen on screen in *Jurassic Park, The Freshman, Father of the Bride*, and *Seven Years in Tibet*.

Mr. Rees is a classical stage actor originally from the Royal Shakespeare Company in London. His performance in the RSC adaptation of Dickens' *Nicholas Nickleby* earned Tony and Olivier awards and an Emmy nomination. He served as artistic director of the Williamstown Theatre Festival from 2005 to 2007, where he and Mr. Wong began their collaboration on *Herringbone*.

The play will open McCarter's season on September 5 and run through October 12.

For more information about library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

McCarter Theatre Receives New American Plays Award

McCarter Theatre has announced that it is a 2008 recipient of the Edgerton Foundation New American Plays Award for its world premiere of Tarell McCraney's *Marcus; or the Secret of Sweet*. The award of $70,000 will support the world premiere of *Marcus*, one of three works comprising Mr. McCraney's Brother/Sister Plays scheduled to debut at the Berlind Theatre in May, 2009.

The trilogy of new plays by Mr. McCraney, one of the most celebrated young writers in contemporary American theater, will be presented over two evenings. Directed by Tina Landau (*In the Red and Brown Water*) and Robert O'Hara (*The Brothers Size* and *Marcus; or The Secret of Sweet*), the Brother/Sister Plays will run in repertory over the course of two evenings from May 14, 2009 through June 21. The plays will be a co-production with New York's Public Theater.

The Brother/Sister Plays are modern-day urban stories of kinship, love, heartache, and coming-of-age. Steeped in southern rhythms and cadences and inspired by Yoruban culture and traditions, the plays present tales of family and legacy.

McCarter Theatre is one of 18 recipients of the first round of the 2008 Edgerton Foundation New American Plays Awards, totaling $674,000. The funding supports extension of the rehearsal period. The goal is to achieve a stronger first production, thereby increasing the chances of a continued life for the plays. Selected theaters with consistent track records of producing new work were invited to submit letters to the foundation. Other recipients include the Berkeley (Calif.) Repertory Theatre, Chicago's Goodman Theatre, San Diego's Old Globe Theatre, Atlanta's Alliance Theatre, and the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

The Edgerton Foundation New American Play Awards program began on a local level in Los Angeles in 2006. The goal is to help in the development of original theatrical works that will ultimately join the American repertoire of widely performed plays and musicals. Other areas of focus for the Edgerton Foundation are the environment, global security, and Los Angeles institutions.

ONE WEEKEND REMAINING: The Open Air Theater at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville will close its summer season this weekend with four final performances of "Jesus Christ Superstar" on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m. The musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice tells the story of the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, beginning with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the unrest caused by his preaching. The show, which continues to stir the controversy and following it garnered at its premiere, has a cast of more than 30 led by, from left, Kris Geddie as Judas, Tressa McCallister as Mary, and Adam Dietz as Jesus. The score features such hits as "Heaven On Their Minds," "I Don't Know How To Love Him," "Hosanna," and the title song "Superstar." Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, and $8 for children, available by phone at (609) 737-4323 or online at www.musicaltheater.com.

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Kelsey Theatre Announces 2008-09 Season Schedule

Fourteen full-length musicals, comedies and dramas are scheduled for the 2008-09 season at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre, set to begin in September. The season will include the Broadway hit *Sweeney Todd*, the classic *Man of La Mancha*, the comedy-drama *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and Disney's popular teenage hit *High School Musical*, among other productions.

In addition, the theater's Kelsey Kids Series will feature 15 shows presented by professional and community companies.

Discounted series packages now on sale offer savings up to 50 percent. Tickets for all individual performances go on sale September 2.

"We're All In This Together" is the theme for the coming year, said Kelsey Artistic Director M. Kitty Getlik. "We chose this theme because our semi-professional performances are true collaborations — among theater professionals, college staff, students, faculty, alumni, and volunteers. Over 1,000 people per year participate in our productions, either backstage, onstage, in the orchestra, or handing out programs."

Ms. Getlik noted that audience members are often surprised to see people they know — neighbors, teachers, and area business people — pitching in at the theater. This year, seven community troupes, along with seven professional touring companies, will perform at the theater.

Two events will be featured in a pre-season weekend to benefit individuals with disabilities. *Through Our Eyes* is a groundbreaking original musical featuring young people and adults with special needs who will communicate their experiences on Friday, September 12. On Saturday, September 13, the touring *Comedy-Magic of Mark Robinson* will have two benefit performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The curtain will go up on the regular Kelsey season with The Yardley Players presentation of *Moon Over Buffalo* September 19 to 28. Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical coming-of-age comedy *Brighton Beach Memoirs* will follow, presented by Maurer Productions OnStage, October 3 to 12. The musical comedy *Domes at Seo*, from Pierrot Productions, featuring a singing and tap dancing extravaganza, will run October 17 through 26.

Halloween will be celebrated at Kelsey with *The Rocky Horror Show*. The cult classic will run October 31 to November 9, including midnight shows on October 31 and November 8.

The timeless tale of *Anna and the King of Siam* will take the stage Nov. 14 to 23, from Playful Theatre Productions.

The new year will start off with Edward Albee's marital drama *Who's Afroid of Virginia Woolf?* January 9 to 18, presented by PinnWorth Productions. Maurer Productions OnStage will then return with the musical drama *Mon of Lo Moncha* February 6 to 15. Pierrot Productions' *The Sunshine Boys* will follow from February 20 to March 1; the Pennington Players' *The Wiz* from March 6 to 15; and Playful Theatre Productions' *Godspell* March 27 to April 5.

The popular Disney show *High School Musical*, presented by Cheng/Ferrara Productions May 1 to 10, will precede the hit *Sweeney Tadd* May 29 to June 7.

The Christmas season will feature *'Twos the Night Before Christmos*, presented by the Kelsey Players, December 5 to 7, followed by Belle Mead Ballet's *The Nutcrocker* December 12 to 14. Laser Vaudeville, straight from Broadway, will be given two performances on December 20.

The Kelsey Kids Series will start October 11 with *The Plant that Ate Dirty Socks*, based on Nancy McArthur's best-selling series of books. Appearing for the first time at Kelsey will be the Dallas Children's Theater, presenting *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* October 25, based on the book by John Steptoe. Theatreworks/USA will return with another new musical, *Nate the Greot*, on November 22. *Hansel ond Gretel* will follow on November 29. The new year will include *Rumplestiltskin* January 23 to 25, The Russian-American Kids Circus on January 31, *If you Give o Pig o Pancake* February 14, *The Striking Viking Story Pirates* February 28, *Little Red Riding Hood* March 21, *Songs from the Soul* March 28, the Kaleidoscope Theater returns with the musical *The Frog Prince* April 25 and *Junie B. Jones* from Theater Works USA May 30.

Ticket prices for full-length musicals are $16 for adults, $12 for seniors, and $10 for students and children. Prices for non-musicals are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors, students and children. Children's shows are $8 for children and $10 for adults. Discounts are available for groups.

E-tickets may be purchased online and printed on home computers by visiting the Kelsey website. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333; by mail with checks made payable to MCCC/Kelsey Theatre, P.O. Box B, Trenton 08690; or by ordering in person at the box office.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. For more information, visit www.kelseytheatre.net.

KELSEY PLANNERS: Kelsey Theatre Artistic Director M. Kitty Getlik, right, accompanied by staff members, from left, Amy Foris, Tracy Antozzeski, Dan Spalluto, and Kate Pinner, are preparing for a busy upcoming season of musicals, dramas, comedies, and children's shows. Tickets are now on sale now for subscription packages; tickets for individual shows go on sale September 2. For more information, visit www.kelseytheatre.net or call the Kelsey Theatre Box Office at (609) 570-3333.

Free Screening of "Shrek" Set in Lawrenceville Park

Lawrenceville's Weeden Park will become an outdoor movie theater for a free screening of the movie *Shrek* on Friday, August 22, hosted by Lawrenceville Main Street and sponsored by Comcast. The event is part of Lawrenceville Main Street's summer-long "Music in the Park" concert series.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment by a disc jockey and magician. Lawrenceville's Fedora's Nice 'N EZ Café will offer dinner in the park. Fleece blankets will be given to the first 50 families to arrive. The movie *Shrek* (2001) will begin at dusk and run one hour and 29 minutes. The acclaimed animated film by DreamWorks features the voices of Mike Myers as the eccentric ogre Shrek, Cameron Diaz as Princess Fiona, Eddie Murphy as the talkative Donkey, and John Lithgow as the villainous Lord Farquaad. The movie is rated PG.

In case of rain, the event will be held at the Lawrenceville Fire Department on Gordon Avenue. For more information, visit www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com or call (609) 219-9300.

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Opera New Jersey Earns State Arts Council Award

In the midst of a sold-out, critically acclaimed summer season, Opera New Jersey has again been named the recipient of a Citation of Excellence from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The citation, NJSCA's highest honor, was presented to the opera company at the Council's recent annual meeting in Trenton.

Since its first year of eligibility in 2006, ONJ has received the Citation of Excellence each year. The Citation recognizes arts organizations that "exhibit the highest standards of excellence in artistry, operations, governance, public benefit and fulfillment of areas of Council priority," according to the Council.

"For three consecutive years we have been honored to receive this vote of confidence from the State," said Lisa Altman, Executive Director of Opera New Jersey. "The entire Opera New Jersey family of employees, volunteers, board members, and supporters work together to present high-quality opera throughout this state. it is extraordinary to see this hard work appreciated in such a special manner."

Future events for Opera New Jersey include the Annual Gala at the Marriott Forrestal on November 1 and three concert-staged performances of *Die Fledermaus* starring international soprano Ruth Ann Swenson in February 2009 at McCarter Theatre, the State Theatre in New Brunswick, and Community Theatre in Morristown.

The company's 2009 summer season at McCarter will feature performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado, Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor, and Mozart's The Abduction from the Seraglio. For ticket information, visit www.Opera-NJ.org or call (609) 799-7700.

Princeton Symphony Names Three New Board Members

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra has announced the appointment of three new members to its board of trustees. Andrew Chon, Peggy Hughes-Fulmer, and Anne VanLent have begun their three-year terms and will help lead the PSO through its search for a music director.

A Princeton resident and a founder of the Bank of Princeton, Mr. Chon has more than 25 years of iT industry experience. Currently president and CEO of Princeton Enterprise Development, LLC, he has also held management positions at Samsung Electronics, Lucent Technologies, AT&T Global Information Solutions, and NCR. In addition to his work with the PSO, he serves on the boards of the Bank of Princeton and the Beautiful Foundation of USA, Inc., and as chairman of the board of the Korean Community Center of Greater Princeton.

Ms. Hughes-Fulmer has been a real estate broker in Princeton since 1974 and is a life member of the Distinguished Sales Club of the New Jersey Association of Realtors. She has served as chair of the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Princeton Area, on the board of trustees of The Hun School of Princeton, and on the board of McCarter Theatre. She is a member of the Bedens Brook Club, the Present Day Club, and the Nassau Club.

Ms. VanLent joins the PSO board with 25 years of senior management experience with both private and public emerging growth companies in the fields of healthcare and technology. She currently heads AMV Advisors, consulting for early stage companies in the life sciences industry. She was previously CFO and treasurer of Barrier Therapeutics from its founding in 2002 until May 2008. In addition to her work with the PSO, she serves as a member of the board for two publicly traded companies, Penwest Pharmaceuticals and Integra Life Sciences Holdings Corp. She also served as a director of the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey from 1998 until 2007.

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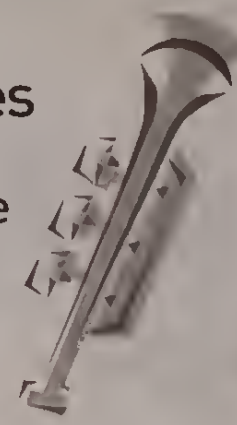

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West Windsor Arts Group Hosting Saturday Concert

The second of the free summer concert series presented by the West Windsor Arts Council will take place this Saturday, August 9 at 7 p.m. at Nassau Park Pavilion in Nassau Park on Route 1.

Titled "Voices from Around the World," the concert will feature international performers including the Latin American group Eco del Sur, African singer Samite, and Pakistani vocalist Sabir Hossain with tablanabus Golamali. The event will take place under the canopy behind Panera Bread, rain or shine.

The Summer Music Series, themed "Listen to the Voices," focuses on the range and emotion of the human voice.

Eco Del Sur consists of Latin American artists from various musical backgrounds who have united to explore and perform ancient Andean music as well as contemporary music from different Latin American regions. The ensemble was founded in spring 2000 and their first album was produced in fall 2001. The members of the band are from Chile, Colombia, and Ecuador. Each of the members has mastered several indigenous and contemporary instruments. Eco Del Sur has played for many institutions and multicultural events in the region including Princeton University, Columbia University, Raritan Valley Community College, Union County College, the Arts Council of Princeton, and New Jersey Performing Art Center, among others.

Samite (pronounced "Saw-meh-tay") was born and raised in Uganda, where his grandfather taught him to play the traditional flute. His primary schooling was in the King's Courtyard, where the royal musicians played for the king. Recognizing his talents, a high school teacher in Kampala put a western flute in his hands, putting him on the path to become one of the most highly acclaimed flutists in East Africa. In 1982 he fled to Kenya as a political refugee, where he played with the Bacchus Club Jazz Band and the popular African Heritage Band. Immigrating to the United States in 1987, Samite now makes his home in Ithaca, N.Y. He has recently released his sixth CD, *Tunula Eno*, on Triloka/Artemis records.

The Pakistani singer Sabir Hossain, who now makes his home in New York, will perform accompanied by the tablanabus Golamali, one of the top tabla players in Pakistan.

The West Windsor Arts Council, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to providing quality arts programming for the greater West Windsor community. A goal of WWAC is to renovate the historic Princeton Junction firehouse to serve as a community arts center.

For more information, contact Dave Haneman at (908) 433-1862 or e-mail hanetek@aol.com.

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1 p.m.: Senior Resource Center screening of *The Jone Austen Book Club*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: *The Wizord of Oz*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville.

7:30 p.m.: Screening of Beatles film *Let it Be* with commentary by film historian Bruce Lawton; Princeton Public Library. Free.

Thursday, August 7

Noon: Mercer County Music in the Park concert with Bradford Hayes; Millyard Park, Trenton.

6 p.m.: Vocalist-guitarist K.J. Denhart; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: *Jesus Christ Superstor*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Voices Chorale Summer Sing, Haydn's *St. Thereso Mass*; Music Together, 225 Pennington-Hopewell Road, Hopewell.

8 to 9:30 p.m.: Larry Tritel and Guy DeRosa; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: *Blithe Spirit*; Princeton Summer Theater, Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, August 8

Dusk: Mercer County Movies in the Park, *Cheoper by the Dozen*; Rosedale Park, Princeton.

7 p.m.: Mark Cosgrove and the Good Medicine Band; Crossing Vineyards & Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

7:15 p.m.: Progressive Film Festival screening of *Maxed Out*; Princeton Unitarian Church. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert with Natural Breakdown jam band; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *Leoder of the Pack*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Rodney Laney and John Kensil; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 8th Annual Butterfly Festival; Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Stringzville jazz/bossa nova band; Halo Pub, 9 Hulfish Street.

6:30 p.m.: Upper Princeton Swing Collective; Hopewell Valley Bistro and Inn, Hopewell.

7 p.m.: West Windsor Arts Council "Voices from Around the World" concert with Eco del Sur, African singer Samite, and Pakistani vocalist Sabir Hossain; Nassau Park Pavilion, Nassau Park, West Windsor. Free.

8 p.m.: Singer-songwriter John Hiatt & the Ageless Beautles; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8:30 to 10:30 p.m.: Eryn Shewell Band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, August 10

1 to 4 p.m.: Music & Motion Dance Productions presentation of *Continents: A Globol Voyoge*; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton. Free with park admission.

Monday, August 11

7 p.m.: *The Wizord of Oz*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Bradford Hayes Jazz Quartet; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Delaware Valley Poets Rachel Bunting and Jim Whelden; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair Mall, Route 1.

Tuesday, August 12

11 a.m.: Windrows University lecture, "Building and Expanding the Panama Canal," by Prof. James Meigs; Princeton Windrows, 2000 Windrow Drive. Free. To attend, call (800) 708-7007.

12:15 p.m.: Windrows University lecture, "Songs from Isaiah: Adventures in Rhyme and Meter," by Rev. Richard S. Armstrong, former Professor of Practical Theology at Princeton University; Princeton Windrows, 2000 Windrow Drive. Free. To attend, call (800) 708-7007.

5:30 p.m.: Township Housing Board; Township Municipal Complex.

Wednesday, August 13

1 p.m.: Senior Resource Center screening of *The Bucket List*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

6 to 9 p.m.: Western singer Jet Weston; Fedora Café, Lawrenceville. Free.

Thursday, August 14

6 p.m.: Monday Blues Big Band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

8 to 9:30 p.m.: Cailin Callahan; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Friday, August 15

6:30 p.m.: Darla Rich Duo; Positano Mediterranean Grill, Plainsboro.

7 p.m.: Kate and Dennis Varley; Crossing Vineyards & Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

7 p.m.: A *Winnie-the-Pooh Birthday Tail*, Kelsey Theatre; Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

7:15 p.m.: Progressive Film Festival screening of *No End in Sight*; Princeton Unitarian Church. Free.

8 p.m.: Marvin Harold Cheiten's *The Stor*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Leader of the Pock*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Lowell Sanders; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

9 p.m.: Late Night Series (live music, poetry, spoken word, drama, dance, comedy, film/video); Studio Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Free.

Saturday, August 16

6:30 p.m.: Darla Rich Quintet; Hopewell Valley Bistro and Inn, Hopewell.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Larry Tritel and Guy DeRosa folk jazz; Halo Pub, 9 Hulfish Street.

8:30 to 10:30 p.m.: Rainbow Fresh; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

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THE STAGES OF A DIVORCE PROCESS

By Jan L. Bernstein, Esq., and Jennifer Lazor, Esq.

Probably one of life's most difficult decisions is whether to end a marriage. Many people are uncertain as to whether they ultimately will pursue a divorce, but nonetheless want to understand the process for obtaining one. This article gives a general overview of the stages of a divorce case.

In the event that you do decide to obtain a divorce, it is not automatically required that you file your Divorce Complaint. You may instead work with your attorney or mediator to try to resolve the issues relevant to ending your marriage, such as custody, parenting time, alimony, child support, and equitable distribution. In this manner, you can try to reach a resolution without the stress of litigation deadlines looming overhead. Once the settlement is reached, it is reduced to writing and executed by the parties and counsel. At this time, the parties can file the pleadings to obtain a divorce and seek enforcement of the agreement they have reached.

In the event that you are compelled to file your divorce pleadings immediately, your case will proceed differently. The filing of the Divorce Complaint establishes the termination date of your marriage and is the date by which assets of a marriage are identified and valued. It also triggers many court deadlines for moving your case forward.

You will also begin a process called "discovery" in which you and your spouse will have a certain fixed period of time to respond to formal requests for information, called "Interrogatories" and a "Notice to Produce," documents. Depositions relevant to your case may also occur during this discovery period. Depositions consist of a series of questions that you and your spouse answer under oath. If there are contested issues of custody and parenting time and/or if there are assets that need to be valued, such as real estate or a business, those evaluations occur during this time period with the assistance of experts.

Once discovery is completed, there are certain initiatives organized by the court to assist you in trying to reach a settlement of your case. One such initiative is called Early Settlement Panel, where approximately two attorneys volunteer as panelists and hear from your and your spouse's counsel the merits of your respective positions in your divorce. At the conclusion of that presentation, the panelists will offer a non-binding and confidential assessment of how they would resolve your case based on their experience. If your case does not settle at Early Settlement Panel, then you may go on to Economic Mediation. During Economic Mediation, attorneys who are qualified mediators volunteer approximately two hours of their time to again hear from both parties try to help you reach a resolution of your open issues. If at the end of Economic Mediation your case is still not settled, then the court will likely schedule an in-court settlement conference and/or a trial date.

The above offers merely a summary of the general process of a divorce. Each case is unique. For example, a case involving a long-term marriage and an extensive asset base generally will be a more involved matter than a short-term marriage with relatively minor assets. It is also important to keep in mind that with the assistance of counsel and cooperation from the parties, even complicated matters can be solved expeditiously.

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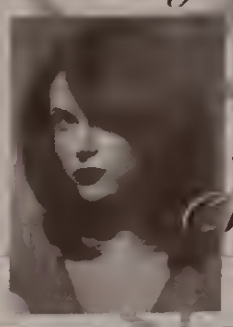
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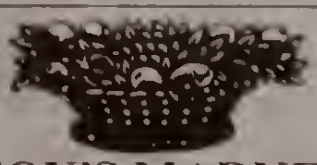

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CINEMA REVIEW

Swing Vote

Apathetic Constituent's Vote Is Courted by Candidates

Ernest "Bud" Johnson (Kevin Costner) is a middle aged father raising his daughter by himself in Texico, New Mexico, a desert town located on the border with Texas. He and his 12-year-old daughter Molly (Madeline Carroll), each miss Larissa (Mare Winningham), a selfish substance abuser who ran off to Albuquerque to pursue a singing career. Bud, too, is also a wannabe musician who played in a Willie Nelson tribute band called The Half Nelsons until the rhythm section was arrested and sent to jail.

Bud works at a local egg factory, where the pay is barely enough to keep a roof over he and his daughter's heads. However, his job there is in jeopardy because of an influx of Mexicans who are willing to "work twice as hard for half the money." So, he and Molly are reduced to living in a modest trailer without a telephone or other amenities that most of us take for granted.

Then, when Bud's job get "insourced," as he describes it, he drowns his woes in alcohol at his favorite watering hole. Fortunately, his daughter is mature enough to pick up the slack. Somehow, his spunky child does everything for her dad from driving him home when he's inebriated, to voting for him on election day.

Ironically, life changes for Bud when state officials inform him that, due to an electronic voting machine malfunction, his ballot was the only in the state of New Mexico that was not counted in the presidential election. Since the vote ended in a tie. Bud's vote will determine whether New Mexico's five electoral votes will go to the Democratic challenger, Donald Greenleaf (Dennis Hopper), or to the incumbent President Boone (Kelsey Grammer).

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS: Bud Johnson (Kevin Costner, left) and his daughter have been deluged by letters from people trying to convince him to vote for either the Democratic or Republican candidate for president.

To make things more interesting, the national election also ended in a draw, which means that the election outcome in New Mexico will determine who becomes the next president. Bud is given ten days to make up his mind, during which time the press and politicians from both parties descend on tiny Texico and turn the town into a media circus.

The candidates proceed to lobby Bud for his vote, freely changing their positions on everything from abortion, the environment, and gay marriage in order to win his vote. Will Bud choose the Republican, who has promised him employment as a lobbyist, or the Democrat with whom he appears to be more aligned with on the issues?

Even if you're willing to suspend your disbelief and accept this idiotic premise, *Swing Vote* is ultimately bitterly disappointing with nothing much to offer other than some sappy sermonizing about how exercising your right to vote is a patriotic and important duty. The picture ends on a cliffhanger leaving the election unresolved, as if setting us up for a sequel. What a cinematic slap in the face this movie is to leave the audience with such an unsatisfying and anticlimactic ending!

On second thought, maybe there was a winner here: corporate America. Judging by the ubiquity of distracting product placements for everything from Budweiser, MTV, Old Spice, UPS, Monopoly, Pepsi, Chevrolet, Newsweek, Motts, Ritz Crackers, Quaker Oats, Verizon FIOS, and others, the mediocre script was apparently less important than the ads. As a consequence, the production squanders the talents of the supporting cast which includes Nathan Lane, George Lopez, Paula Patton, Stanley Tucci, Judge Reinhold, and many cameo appearances by celebrities.

The film is a series of shameless sales pitches instead of a movie with a plot. Next time, at least include an ending if you're going to make us sit through two hours of commercials!

Poor (0 stars). Rated PG-13 for profanity. Running time: 119 minutes. Studio: Touchstone Pictures.

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American Teen (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, smoking, and alcohol consumption, all involving teens). Coming-of-age documentary traces ten months in the lives of four high school seniors, a popular jock (Colin Clemens), a nerdy band geek (Jake Tusing), a spoiled prom queen (Megan Krizmanich), and an artsy bohemian (Hannah Bailey), in the tiny town of Warsaw, Indiana.

Brick Lane (PG-13 for profanity and sexuality). Cross-cultural drama set in the eighties about an obedient Bangladeshi woman (Tannishtha Chatterjee) who emigrates to London, where she ends up trapped in a soul-strangling arranged marriage with a middle-aged Muslim (Satish Kaushik) twenty years her senior.

Brideshead Revisited (PG-13 for sexuality). Emma Thompson stars in this World War II era tale of forbidden love set in England, based on Evelyn Waugh's classic novel about a Protestant of humble birth (Matthew Goode) who becomes infatuated with the sister (Hayley Atwell) of a college classmate (Ben Whishaw) from an aristocratic Catholic family when brought home to their palatial castle over vacation.

The Dark Knight (PG-13 for menacing and intense violence). Christian Bale returns as the Caped Crusader in an action thriller co-starring the late Heath Ledger as Batman's archenemy, a psychopathic clown known as the Joker. Cast includes Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, and Michael Jai White.

Hancock (PG-13 for profanity and sci-fi violence). Will Smith stars in this action comedy about a misunderstood superhero out of favor with the public who tries to resurrect his image with the help of the PR executive (Jason Bateman) whose life he saves. Featuring Charlize Theron and cameos by scriptwriter Akiva Goldsman and director Michael Mann.

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13 for profanity, violence, and sci-fi action). Ron Perlman reprises the title role in this horror sequel about a red-horned hellspawn who returns to Earth to save the day when the truce between humanity and the invisible realm is broken by a diabolical demon with an army of marauding creatures.

Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG for intense action and scary scenes). Brendan Fraser stars in this adaptation of the Jules Verne classic about a science professor who discovers a portal to the bowels of the planet while searching in a cave for his missing brother.

Mamma Mia! (PG-13 for sex-related material). Screen adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, set on an enchanting Greek island, where an 18-year-old bride-to-be (Amanda Seyfried) has invited all three of her mother's (Meryl Streep) ex-lovers to her wedding, hoping to determine which one is her father: the businessman (Pierce Brosnan), the adventurer (Stellan Skarsgard), or the banker (Colin Firth).

Mongol (R for graphically depicted battle sequences). Bloody bio-pic revisits the transformation of a lowly slave named Temudgin (Tadanobu Asano) into Genghis Khan (1162-1227), the legendary warrior who united numerous nomadic northeast Asian tribes en route to conquering half the world and creating the largest empire in history by 1206. In Mongolian with subtitles.

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13 for adventure and action violence). Brendan Fraser returns for a third go-round as Intrepid explorer Rick O'Connell, who is now joined by his son (Luke Ford), his wife (Maria Bello), and her brother (John Hannah) in an epic adventure to the Far East to combat a recently-resurrected 2,000-year-old shape-shifting entity (Jet Li) bent on world domination. With Michelle Yeoh, Isabella Leong, and Russell Wong.

Pineapple Express (R for violence, drug use, sexual references, and pervasive profanity). Over-the-top teensploit about a lazy stoner (Seth Rogen) who purchases a new strain of weed from his drug dealer (James Franco) only to find himself on the run from sadistic mobsters after he witnesses a murder by a crooked cop (Rosie Perez). Ensemble cast includes Dr. Ken Jeong, Nora Dunn, Bill Hader, and Amber Heard.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13 for sensuality and mature material). America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel, and Blake Lively return for sequel set during the summer following their freshman year of college, which finds the tight-knit friends living in four different cities yet still committed to being there for each other emotionally despite the distance. Supporting cast includes Blythe Danner, Michael Rady, and Jesse Williams.

Space Chimps (G). Animated adventure about a trio of chimpanzee astronauts (Andy Samberg, Cheryl Hines, and Patrick Warburton) sent to another galaxy to rescue the peaceful inhabitants of an uncharted planet from the clutches of an evil tyrant (Jeff Daniels). Voice cast includes Kenan Thompson and Stanley Tucci.

Step Brothers (R for crude humor, sexuality, and pervasive profanity). Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly co-star in this comedy about a couple of immature slackers still living at home with a single parent who suddenly find themselves forced to coexist under the same roof when one's mother (Mary Steenburgen) marries the other's father (Richard Jenkins).

Swing Vote (PG-13 for profanity). Civic duty comedy about an apathetic, alcoholic loser (Kevin Costner) who suddenly finds himself the center of attention after his mischievous 12-year-old daughter (Madeline Carroll) sets in motion a chain of events that means his vote will decide the outcome of the presidential election. Star-studded cast includes Nathan Lane, Kelsey Grammer, George Lopez, Willie Nelson, Paula Patton, Dennis Hopper, and Stanley Tucci, with cameos by political pundits James Carville, Chris Matthews, Larry King, Arianna Huffington, Bill Maher, Tucker Carlson, and Campbell Brown.

Tell No One (Unrated). Crime thriller about a grieving pediatrician (Francois Cluzet) who suddenly finds himself a suspect in his wife's (Marie-Josee Croze) murder when the police decide to reopen the case at the same time that he receives an anonymous email warning him to "tell no one" that she's still alive. In French with subtitles.

The Visitor (PG-13 for brief profanity). A movie from actor-turned-director Thomas McCarthy (*The Station Agent*), a quirky drama revolving around a jaded professor (Richard Jenkins) at a college in Connecticut who heads to New York to attend a conference only to find a young couple from Senegal (Danai Jekesai Gurira) and Syria (Haaz Sleiman) living in his pied-a-terre.

The Wackness (R for profanity, sexuality, and pervasive drug use). Hip-hop era romantic comedy, set in 1994, about a college-bound teen (Josh Peck) who spends the summer dealing weed on the streets of New York while falling in love with his shrink's (Ben Kingsley) step-daughter (Olivia Thirlby). Cast includes Mary-Kate Olsen, Method Man, and Famke Janssen.

WALL-E (G). Disney/Pixar animation collaboration about a robot left on Earth after it has been evacuated because of pollution. He falls in love with the female robot sent back by humans to retrieve the last plant on the planet. Featuring computer generated sounds augmented by a voice cast that includes Jeff Garlin, Sigourney Weaver, Fred Willard, and John Ratzenberger.

The X-Files: I Want to Believe (PG-13 for mature themes, violence, and disturbing content). David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprise their lead roles as FBI Agents Mulder and skeptic Scully in the second screen adaptation of their hit TV show about paranormal phenomena. This installment, a sci-fi thriller set six years after the end of the series, co-stars Amanda Peet, Billy Connolly, and Xzibit.

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Sports

Former PU Rower Teti Caps Comeback With Third Trip to Summer Olympics

As far as Paul Teti was concerned, his international rowing career concluded with his appearance on the U.S. lightweight four which finished ninth in the 2004 Summer Olympics.

Focusing on his job on the acquisitions team of Normandy Real Estate Partners upon his return from Athens, Teti confined his rowing to occasional domestic races.

But last year, the former Princeton University standout got the Olympic bug.

"About 12 months ago, I started rowing again; I started training with David Banks after he had been cut from the national team," said Teti, who also competed in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, helping the U.S. lightweight four to a sixth-place finish.

"We decided to train together. It was helpful for him technically because I had spent a lot more time in small boats. For me, it was helpful because physiologically, he's incredible."

Those sessions with Banks proved incredibly helpful as Teti punched his ticket to a third Olympics, getting named to the U.S. four which will compete in the upcoming Beijing Summer Games.

In reflecting on getting another crack at the Olympics, Teti, 31, marvels at his good fortune.

"I think the first word that comes to mind is lucky; lucky to be healthy; lucky to have landed on a boat with some really solid athletes," said Teti, whose older brother, Mike, will also be in Beijing as the U.S. men's head coach. "I am trying to make the best of it, I'm excited to have been able to get back to this spot.

As he gets ready for the Olympic rowing competition, which takes place from August 9-17, Teti is drawing on the experience he gained from competing in Sydney and Athens.

"I think training wise; I have tried to pay attention to things that have been pitfalls for me in the past," said the 6'0, 160-pound Teti.

"You learn along the way; I think the more times you have been there, the less grand it seems and you are able to dumb it down and focus on what you do best. In my first Olympics, I was a junior at Princeton and I was a little awestruck. Whereas I think now I realize what a great opportunity it is. I'd like to make the most of it, it's probably my last one."

It was a chat with one of his former coaches at Princeton, Curtis Jordan, that helped sharpen Teti's focus in his drive for another Olympic spot.

"I was here in Princeton and the rest of the team had gone down to Clemson, South Carolina," said Teti.

"David and I were doing relatively well in the pairs and the coaches wanted us to come down. My first call was to Curtis, I said 'can you meet me at Small World, I need to ask your advice.' So we sit down and I say to Curtis, 'three months ago I didn't have these aspirations but now I feel there is a chance we might be able to make it, what do you think?' He coached me through the process, telling me how to handle myself coming back. He is certainly one of the people that fueled my comeback."

Teti's experience at Princeton helped fuel his development into an Olympian.

"Everyone there that I came into contact with had some impact on my life, academically and athletically," asserted Teti, who helped the Tiger men's heavyweight varsity eight win the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) national championship in 1998 and place second two other seasons.

"The professors were great; my coaches were incredible. I had an extremely, extremely positive experience and frankly part of it was how supportive they were of the rowing."

The support of older brother, Mike, an Olympic rowing medalist who was the Princeton men's heavyweight freshman coach during Teti's college career, was also a key.

"When I first started he was very hands off with regard to my rowing, he told me to focus on as many sports as I could and to have fun," said Teti, noting that the family has seven sisters between him and his older brother.

"Once I got to Princeton, it was a little different, he applied a little bit more pressure. Prior to that, his feeling was that there was very little benefit to me feeling extra pressure. He told me to go hard, whether you are rowing, playing football or basketball, whatever. He felt rowing is a sport you can continue to develop, there was no rush."

Older brother Mike is proud of how Teti has developed. "He's my brother but he's a good rower," said Coach Teti, 51, who has been with the U.S. national program since 1996.

"People sometimes make a big deal of us being brothers. I would say just talk to his teammates on the four; he adds a lot to that boat. He makes good calls, he has good skills, he's a good racer, he's a good team guy."

The younger Teti is surprised by how quickly his boat became a force.

"This four sort of materialized in the course of normal selection," explained Teti, who will be joined on the boat by workout partner Banks together with Brett Newlin and Giuseppe Lanzone.

"The coaches decided to send us over to a world cup race in Lucerne, Switzerland and we were fortunate enough to win the bronze medal. We had rowed some pretty fast times and so we came back and went through another series of tests. This four emerged as what we thought was our best shot."

Now, the boat's focus is to make up for lost time in taking its best shot at a medal in Beijing.

"Prior to Lucerne, we had only spent literally a few days together," added Teti.

"We feel like this time together is really going to help us. I think we have a lot of natural chemistry. The competition over there is severe; especially in this event. Most of these European crews don't have hundreds of athletes to draw from so they have got their group of four that has been together for two or three years. That's what we are trying to work on."

And having Teti back on board after a few years off should help the U.S. team come together.

—Bill Alden

BACK ON BOARD: Former Princeton University rowing star Paul Teti will be competing in his third Summer Olympics next week in Beijing. The 2002 Princeton University graduate was chosen for the U.S. men's four. Teti, a vice president with Normandy Real Estate Partners, had taken a three-year hiatus from international rowing after helping the U.S. lightweight four to a ninth place finish at the 2004 Summer Olympics.

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Teti Focused on Producing Olympic Success In Swan Song as U.S. Rowing Men's Coach

Mike Teti didn't exactly jump at the opportunity to coach in the U.S. national rowing program.

"Well actually I said no three times," said Teti, the Princeton University men's freshman heavyweight coach from 1989-1996.

"I stayed at Princeton all those years because I just loved it there. I loved everything about it, from the athletic department to the admisstons department to the other coaches to the janitors. Seriously, it was like a big family."

Teti, though, did join the U.S. rowing family after the 1996 Olympics, accepting a post as the head men's sweep coach.

The fiery Teti quickly became a patriarch of the U.S. crew clan, guided the men's eight to three straight world championships from 1997-99 and rising to head men's coach after the 2000 Summer Games.

In 2004 Summer Olympics, Teti reached the pinnacle of the rowing world when the men's eight set a world record on the way to winning the gold medal, marking the first time the U.S. had won the event since 1964.

Next week, Teti, who recently agreed to become the head coach of the University of California, Berkeley men's rowing program, will be looking to end his U.S. tenure on a high note at the Beijing Summer Games.

As he looked forward to the journey to Beijing, Teti, 51, said he was planning to utilize the same formula that led to the eight's success in 2004.

"There has to be balance between experience and some youth; balance between some power and some skill," said Teti, whose younger brother, Paul, will also be in Beijing as a rower on the U.S. men's four.

"Sometimes you put the eight best technical rowers in there and it is technically very, very good but you are missing a little bit of grunt."

Teti, an Olympic bronze medalist in the 1988 Games in the men's eight, likens the selection process to putting together a basketball team.

"When you assemble a basketball team, you need a rebounder," said Teti.

"He may not be the best player but in that role he is really good. This guy is a point guard; he may not have the scoring capacity as this other guy but you need someone to dish it to this guy. I think that the boat is made up of catalysts and enablers, more or less. All of them are catalysts in a way but by this guy being in the boat it enables that guy to throw a little bit more juice on there which translates to speed."

For Teti, the challenge of putting together boats that could excel on the international stage is one of the reasons he ultimately joined the U.S. program.

"I remember when I got into coaching at Temple and I talked to Kris Korzeniowski who had coached me when I rowed," said Teti, a native of Upper Darby, Pa. who was a rowing star at St. Joseph's University.

"We were just talking one day, just about coaching in general and he said 'you are a pretty good coach and you are going to get opportunities and you have to take advantage of those opportunities.' He said you have the guts to really step outside and take the risk."

Known for his colorful and sometimes profane entreaties to his athletes, Teti has taken the opportunity to refine his coaching style during his tenure with the national program.

"I think you try to adapt," said Teti, with a wry smile. "The guys that are around now that were around 10 years ago would definitely say that I have softened up. The new guys would probably tell you the opposite. There are certain principles that you have but you adapt to the crew. Some people respond to the fiery approach. Some guys here I can just tell them a little bit more this and they'll respond."

In the final weeks before the Beijing Games, Teti was focused on making the adjustments that could lead to medals.

"We'll go back to our normal training program but more geared to preparation," explained Teti.

"We'll figure out what's the character of the crew, what do we feel is the best way to race this, and what cadence are we most efficient at. We'll work on things like starts; just rehearsing all that stuff."

If Teti can push the right buttons, his final act with the U.S. should be a show stopper.

—Bill Alden

FINAL PUSH: Mike Teti is wrapping up his tenure as the U.S. Rowing men's head coach at the Beijing Summer Games. Teti, the Princeton University men's freshman heavyweight coach from 1989-1996, will take the helm of the University of California, Berkeley men's rowing program after the Olympics. Teti has been with the U.S. program since 1996 and guided the men's eight to a gold medal at the 2004 Summer Games.

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Pillion Still Displaying Passion for Lax, Coaching at PU, Playing in Prague Cup

As a star for the Princeton University women's lacrosse team from 2002-05, Elizabeth Pillion wore her passion on her sleeve.

The hard-charging Pillion powered her way to 104 goals in her Tiger career, earning first-team all-American honors in both 2004 and 2005 and helping Princeton to national titles in 2002 and 2003.

A year after graduating, Pillion returned to the Princeton women's lax program as a volunteer assistant coach, passing on her fire for the game to the current Tiger players.

"I try to emphasize the importance of extra effort and getting better day in, day out," said Pillion, who also starred for the Princeton women's soccer team, helping the Tigers advance to the 2004 NCAA Final Four.

Pillion, though, has also given extra effort on the field, having competed for the U.S. national team in the Prague Cup earlier this summer.

For Pillion, playing with the U.S. program gave her a better appreciation of the game.

"It's been a great experience; we have a really great coaching staff," asserted Pillion, who recently decided to stop playing with the national program.

"The chemistry on the team is really solid; we have a lot of fun together. We get together probably six or seven times a year."

Getting named to the U.S. squad for the Prague Cup was a highlight for Pillion.

"I was really excited to make the team, it is a great honor to play for the U.S.," said Pillion, who was joined on the squad by fellow Princeton women's lax assistant coaches Michele DeJuliis and Amy Altig. "Most of the girls hadn't played too many international games. We had played Canada and England this year."

Although the U.S. team breezed to victory in the Prague competition, outscoring the opposition 87-1, Pillion thought the team got plenty out of the competition.

"It was great to be able to go abroad and get the sense of playing in a tournament with different refs," said Pillion. "It was great watching our attack; they had such flow and consistency."

During her time with the U.S. team, Pillion was moved to defense and rekindled some memories of her high school days in the process.

"Playing defense is different," explained Pillion. "I was a defender in high school and then I went to midfield in college so that was an adjustment. It was like going back to my roots going back to defense. We have such a good group of girls on attack, it's fun to pass the baton to them."

For Pillion, who has a full-time job with a local franchise services company, combining work with coaching brings her back to her college roots.

"It's been great; it's the best of both worlds," said Pillion. "Since there is no pro league for women, to be able to coach and play at this level is great. I enjoy working and then in the spring season getting to spend time with the team. It's an outlet; I don't want to do lax 24/7 right now. I like having a balance in my life like I did in college."

—Bill Alden

IN THE GAME: Elizabeth Pillion heads to goal during her days as a star for the Princeton University women's lacrosse team. Pillion, a 2005 Princeton grad, has kept connected with the game through serving as a volunteer coach for the PU women's team and seeing time on the field earlier this summer for the U.S national team in the Prague Cup. *(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)*

Tiger Women's Lax Coaches Altig, DeJuliis Train Together to Sharpen Skills for U.S. Team

Michele DeJuliis and Amy Altig are dedicated to getting the best out of the players on the Princeton University women's lacrosse team in their role as assistant coaches for the program.

But when the two have a break from their hectic schedule, they duel head-to-head to make each other better players.

DeJuliis, an All-American attacker for Penn State, fires shots at Altig, a former star goalie at James Madison University as they hone their skills as members of the U.S. women's national team.

Earlier this summer, the pair joined with fellow Princeton assistant coach Elizabeth Pillion, to help the U.S. win the Prague Cup tournament.

This past weekend, the trio was at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County as the U.S. Team held a second round of tryouts for the squad that will play in the 2009 World Cup in Prague.

Altig, for her part, relishes her sessions with DeJuliis..

"Michele and I train in the morning or afternoon when we have down time," said Altig, who joined the Princeton coaching staff this past spring after a two-year stint coaching at Richmond.

"She is such a hard worker; if you are around her, you want to work hard too. That gets passed on to the players."

DeJuliis brings a unique work ethic to the Tiger program, having served as a member of the Baltimore City Police department from 1999-2004.

"I did SWAT (the special weapons and tactics unit), it took me three years to get to that point," recalled Dejuliis, Penn State's sixth all-time leading scorer with 203 points.

"There were moments when I wasn't sure if I was going to make it home; I was in situations where things could go really bad. I dealt with high risk raids, murder suspects, major drug trafficking, and barricades. It was exciting, I loved the action part.

In DeJuliis' view, her lacrosse background made her a better police officer. "Sports helps you because you are more fit; you are sharper when you are on the street," said DeJuliis, who founded the Ultimate Goal Lacrosse Club in 2001 and ran clinics and camps through that entity. "I was always looking to do more to help but you can only do so much."

For DeJuliis, the chance to work for Princeton head coach Chris Sailer provided her with the impetus to leave law enforcement.

"The Princeton job was the one I had always been looking at; I always wanted to work for Chris," recalled DeJuliis, who serves as Princeton's offensive coordinator and has primary responsibilities for skill development and team conditioning.

"I eased right into it. On the field, it was easy and the office stuff you can get into pretty quickly. Chris is an amazing teacher on and off the field; she is extremely supportive. She's been doing it so long, she knows so much."

Like DeJuliis, Altig jumped at the chance to join Sailer's staff. "The opportunity to work for Chris was great," said Altig, referring to Sailer who was named to the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame this past spring.

"She is the greatest coach in the game. She has a way with the players; they respect her. She exudes knowledge and excellence; she makes the sport fun."

The former All-Colonial Athletic Association goalie has had a lot of fun with the U.S. Team. "I loved all of my teammates in college but the national team is a whole new level," asserted Altig.

"Everyone has a role; everyone wants to represent the country to the best of their ability. There is a love of the sport. You feel honored getting to be one of the few who get to wear the U.S. jersey. There is a respect for that and for each other."

Longtime national team veteran DeJuliis also sees a special chemistry among the U.S. players.

"This team is a little obsessed with each other," said DeJuliis, who has been involved with the U.S. program since 1994.

"The core group has been together for a while; we truly care about each other. We are on the e-mail every day, exchanging notes and pictures. We want to see each other succeed."

The U.S. certainly succeeded in the Prague Cup, going undefeated in the competition and outscoring its foes 87-1.

"I think about all the fun we had," said DeJuliis. "We didn't have close games but just being in that country, playing those teams, it's exactly where we all wanted to be."

Altig had a lot of fun on the trip as well. "It was a special opportunity to be part of that," said Altig.

"There is a chemistry on the attack, you are always amazed by what they are going to come up with next. There was teamwork up and down the field. It's good to have a team like that playing in front of you. There is a real trust factor, you can sit back and enjoy the way they play."

Playing with the national team has helped DeJuliis fine-tune her coaching approach.

"There are a ton of things I learn at practice; I've changed my style over the years," said Dejuliis.

"I bring things to my kids at Princeton and help them learn new things. I want them to be dominant on the field; I try to scrimmage with them as much as possible. You see things on the field that you can't always see on the sidelines."

In light of their experience with the U.S. program, DeJuliis and Altig bring something extra to the field.

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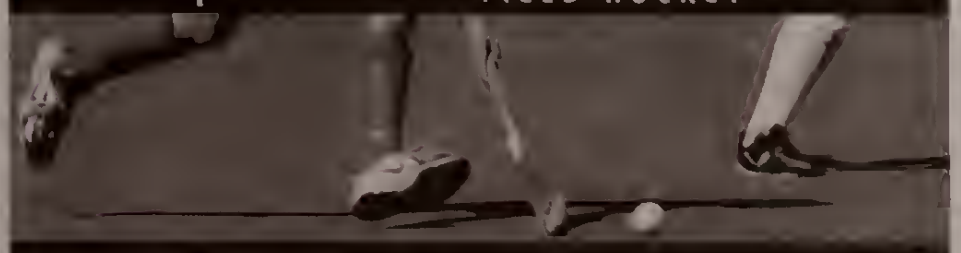

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The country of Jamaica has a population of less than three million. So what is the explanation for that tiny Caribbean nation producing so many world-class sprinters? The fact is that Jamaican male and female sprinters have captured seven Olympic gold medals, 24 silvers and 18 bronzes in the 1984 Olympics alone, five of the eight finalists in the 100-meter dash were Jamaican either by birth or descent. So keep an eye on the men and women sprinters wearing the colors of Jamaica in Beijing.

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Sparked by Davison's Intensity, Leadership, George's on Brink of Summer Hoops Crown

Bobby Davison got splattered into the asphalt at the Community Park basketball court early in the second half as his George's Roasters and Ribs/Ivy Inn team faced Northwestern Financial in the championship series opener of the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League.

Disregarding the pain from the jolt, Davison leaped to his feet pumping his fist as his trip to the deck yielded a charging foul against Northwestern's Wanny Carter.

Davison's sacrifice and intensity was emblematic of a superb effort produced by top-seeded George's as it posted a 55-39 win over No. 2 Northwestern to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series.

Brian Halligan scored 15 points and Scott Findlay added 13 to lead George's as it improved to 12-1 on the season. Defending league champion Northwestern, which fell to 10-3, was paced by regular season MVP Derick Grant with 19 points and Christian Burns, who chipped in 13.

Game 2 of the series is slated for August 6 with Game 3, if necessary, to be played on August 8.

Afterward, a sweaty but happy Davison said that George's was fired up for the matchup, since its lone loss of the summer came in a regular season game with Northwestern.

BIG STEP: Bobby Davison of George's Roasters and Ribs/Ivy Inn steps into a jump shot last Monday in George's 55-39 win over Northwestern in Game 1 of the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League best-of-three championship series. Davison and George's can clinch the crown on August 6 when Game 2 is slated to be played. Game 3, if necessary, is scheduled for August 8. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

FULL CONTACT: Scott Findlay of George's Roasters and Ribs/Ivy Inn, left, battles Wanny Carter of Northwestern Financial last Monday in the opening game of the championship series of the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League. Findlay scored 13 points as top-seeded George's beat No. 2 Northwestern 55-39 to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series.

"They beat up on us a little bit," said Davison, a former hoops standout at Princeton High and The College of New Jersey.

"We knew going into the game how good they were and that we had to bring a different level of intensity to this game to compete with their big guys and, of course, Derick."

The team's intensity was reflected in a defensive effort which saw it shut down Northwestern in the first half in building a 25-10 halftime lead.

"One thing we took pride in all year has been our defense; we have tried to keep the other teams in check," asserted Davison.

"Tonight we did an outstanding job with our defense, especially with Mark Aziz playing Derick. He really runs their defense and we got a real good outing from Mark to shut him down."

The 6'5 Davison, who generally focuses on defense, contributed on the offensive end as his eight points in the first half helped break the game open.

"I had a couple of open opportunities so I took my shots, fortunately they went in and that helped out a little bit," added Davison.

"I know my role on this team is to be a leader on the court and do the little things, rebound, and get the ball to Scott."

Davison has developed a deep connection with former TCNJ teammate Findlay.

"It's actually been a pleasure because he and I have developed quite a chemistry," said Davison.

"This is seven or eight years we have been playing together, five in college and two years being out. I know his game, he knows my game. We work real well with each other; we can take advantage a lot of times. If I get the ball and I see Scott inside I know he is going to do this move or that move and get open and I can get him the ball. He is very reliable when we get him the ball."

George's has been getting reliable play in the backcourt from team newcomers Shalid Abdul-Karim and Halligan.

"Shahid and me have been friends for a long time but he has always been on another team," said Davison, referring to Abdul-Karim, a former PHS and Springfield College star who chipped in 10 points last Monday.

"I heard that he was a free agent this summer and I definitely wanted to pick him up. He has been so solid. I played with Brian at TCNJ; he told me he was working in town so I definitely wanted to pick him up."

Davison knows that Northwestern will pick up its effort Wednesday as it tries to stay alive in the series.

"We don't want to get involved in their game, running up and down the court," said Davison.

"We definitely want to keep the same defensive intensity and work the ball through Scott offensively. If he doesn't get the open shot, he kicks it out to one of our open shooters. It's been working for us."

Things have been working all summer for George's as it has put together a superb campaign.

"We have a good group of guys who are very unselfish," maintained Davison.

"We do the little things, hustle, take charges, dive on the floor. I just think our chemistry this year is so solid. We are playing well; we are playing good team basketball."

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—Bill Alden

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I leave you with one of my favorite Mary Oliver poems, *The Summer Day*.

Take some moments as you read (and I recommend re-reading the poem slowly a number of times) to notice its effects on your body, heart, emotions, and mind. Notice what arises in you as you read. See if you can observe each response with non-judgmental compassion.

As time seems transformed in the magic of summer, create space to explore just what is your intention for yourself? Can you approach your life with a sense of curiosity and adventure? Choose situations and the company of others that keep you alive and curious? As Oliver writes, "Who made the grasshopper — *this grasshopper*, I mean..."

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

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The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean—
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
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Kolman Leads CP Bluefish Through Change But Team's Success Continues at PASDA Meet

Amy Kolman drew on her experience as a teacher in taking the helm of the Community Park Bluefish swimming program this summer.

"I have been a high school English teacher for 12 years," said the Kolman, who also served as a coach for the Central Bucks East High swim team and the Fanny Chapman Swim Club.

"It was much like running classroom sometimes, I had six assistant coaches and I had to smooth over the tension sometimes. They have all known each other their whole lives and I'm the new one. We made some changes this year."

While there may have been some changes in the coaching approach, the Bluefish's tradition of success continued under Kolman's guidance as the squad placed third among Division 1 teams at the Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet.

Kolman was proud of how the team got the most out of what it had with a lineup depleted due to swimmers being on vacation.

"We had very few swimmers for a third place finish," said Kolman, noting that the Bluefish had about 40 swimmers on hand at the PASDA meet, which was held at the Flemington-Raritan Community Pool.

"We were in fifth place going into the second day and our 12 and older kids all the way up to the 19 year olds really came and did a great job and got us up to third. I was really pleased; it was great."

In taking third, Bluefish swimmers set a bunch of meet records because the meet took place in a pool with distances in meters rather than yards.

In the 6-and-under boys, Ben Gulbranson set records in both the 25-meter freestyle and 25 backstroke while his twin sister, Abigail, set a record in the girls' 25 free.

Pepper Kolman, the coach's daughter, established a new mark in the girls' 8-and-under back.

In the girls' 10-and-under age group, Ingrid Lillis set a record in the 25 back while Charlotte Singer set a new standard in the 25 breaststroke.

Will Stange set a meet record in the 12-and-under boys' 50 back while Jake Valente set a new mark in the 14-and-under breast.

Michael Carter set a record in the boys' 14-and-under 50 butterfly and helped the boys' 200 medley relay achieve a new mark.

Hannah Matheson was a one-person wrecking crew in the 14-and-under girls, setting marks in the 50 fly and the 100 individual medley and then helping both the CP 200 free and medley relays establish records. Megan Lydzinski also set a mark on the 14-and-under category in the 50 free.

In the 15-and-over boys' category, CP set marks in both the 200 free and medley relays with the quartet of Carter, Connor Bowman, Ben Wilde, and Peter Deardorff.

Matthew Carter established a record in the boys' 18-and-under breast.

In Kolman's view, the records were the product of her swimmers' gutsy approach.

"I didn't realize how big that meet is, there are many, many teams from Burlington County to all the way over here," said Kolman.

"It's a little nerve-wracking, especially for the little guys when they get there, to see how big it is. They are not used to that level of competition and how many kids they are going up against. They weren't intimidated."

The Gulbranson twins, who both won meet Most Valuable Swimmer awards, emerged as two of CP's most courageous swimmers.

"They are new to the program; they moved from Arizona," said Kolman.

"They have an older sister, Sarah, who is on the team as well. Ben and Abby are swimmers and divers; they are fearless. They just come out and have fun and when they are not swimming, they are wrestling around on the ground together. They are a really great family, we are glad to have them."

Kolman was certainly glad to have the prolific Matheson around. "Hannah is a star," said Kolman, noting that Matheson also won Most Valuable Swimmer honors in her age group.

"She is always there talking to me about which way the relay should go and what is the fastest combination. She is a scientist of swimming and I like that."

Holy Cross-bound Connor Bowman provided some veteran leadership and power to CP's 15-and-over boys' relay teams.

"It was Connor Bowman's swan song for PASDA swimming; I think he came to every meet," said Kolman.

"Some of the older guys in Princeton don't do PASDA anymore; they are either done with swimming or they have moved on to USS. I'm so happy he came out. He's great; he can power his way through a 50 very, very well. It's exciting to watch him swim. He leads the relays off usually and the other guys get psyched behind him. They had a lot of great races this season."

For Kolman, the CP program's success goes beyond producing great races. "I think summer swimming is impressively unique," maintained Kolman.

"There is no other sport I can think of where there are 5 year olds and 19 year olds, boys and girls, together cheering for the same end on a Tuesday night at 9. We raise ladies and gentlemen; the boys have to be affected by being friends with the girls from the time they are 5 until they graduate. I just think it is so special."

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SPICING IT UP: Community Park Bluefish swimmer Pepper Kolman shows her breaststroke form. Last week, Kolman performed well at the Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet, winning the Division 1 girls' 8-and-under 25-meter breaststroke and the 25 backstroke as she helped the Bluefish take third in the team standings. Kolman set a meet record with her 22.84 time in the back. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

TWIN PEAKS: Twins Abigail and Ben Gulbranson are all smiles as they show off the Most Valuable swimmer plaques they won last week swimming for the Community Park Bluefish at the Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet. Abigail won the Division 1 girls' 6-and under 25-meter freestyle and 25 backstroke at the meet while her brother placed first in the same events in the Division 1 boys' 6-and-under category.

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With Horan Flying High to 2 Crowns, CP Bluefish Wins PASDA Diving Title

Jasmine Horan was more than a little apprehensive when she took up diving in 2005 for the Community Park Bluefish swim team.

"The first time I ever went off the board was the first day at practice; I was really scared," recalled Horan, who was eight years old at the time.

"There were lifeguards in the water ready to catch me. I was so afraid when I was just jumping off. I was just so scared of drowning."

It didn't take long for Horan to conquer her fear. "After that, I realized it was fun," added Horan.

"It's much different from swimming where you are mostly in the water. In diving, it's the opposite because you are mostly in the air."

Horan had a lot of fun in the recently-held Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championships, taking first in both the girls' 12-and-under and 12-and-under (open) categories. (The 12-and-under open category includes 9, 10, and 11-year-old divers.)

Horan's heroics helped CP take first in the team standings as it piled up 409 points, well ahead of the 299 scored by second-place Nassau Swim Club.

Other winners for the Bluefish included Danielle Blecher in the girls' 8-and-under, Take Numata in the boys' 12-and-under, and Kasey Sohmer, who won both the girls' 14-and-under and the girls' 18-and-under (open) classifications.

The 11-year-old Horan, who also won PASDA diving championships in 2006 and 2007, credited her double title this summer to some good coaching.

"I was really amazed," asserted Horan, who will be entering sixth grade at John Witherspoon School this September.

"I really have to concentrate in competition; I think about what I am doing. I try to make sure that I remember what my coaches (Greg Sullivan and Erica Serpico) said. They give really good advice. They helped me really perfect my dives. I learned a couple of new dives."

In assessing her diving repertoire, Horan points to three main moves. "My favorite dives are the inward dive tuck, front drive straight, and front one and a half tuck," said Horan.

"Those are really fun for me. For the one and a half; I don't really think about it. I kind of just let it go and then I stop it at one point and then I dive in. On the front dive, it kind of feels like I'm flying. I dive really straight."

While the versatile Horan has a lot on her athletic plate, she plans to keep flying high for CP.

"I play basketball, softball, and lacrosse," said Horan. "I'm going to start field hockey and track at JW. I'm trying to decide on one major sport to play in college. I'm definitely going to continue diving for CP in the summer. I really like it; it's really fun."

—Bill Alden

ALL THAT JAS: Community Park Bluefish diving star Jasmine Horan, center, celebrates with coaches Greg Sullivan, left, and Erica Serpico after taking first in both the girls' 12-and-under and 12-and-under (open) categories at the recently-held Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championships. Horan's heroics helped the Bluefish earn the team title as they piled up 409 points, well ahead of the 299 scored by second-place Nassau Swim Club.

Stange Emulated Olympic Heroes In Garnering Titles for CP Bluefish

The North Baltimore Aquatic Club (NBAC) is known for producing such champion swimmers as Michael Phelps and Katie Hoff.

So it was fitting that Will Stange was sporting a gray NBAC T-shirt last Wednesday as he enjoyed the Community Park Bluefish swim team's season-ending picnic.

Earlier in the week, the prolific Stange had produced another medal-winning performance at the Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet.

The blonde-headed Stange won the 50-meter breaststroke and the 50 butterfly and took second in the 100 individual medley in the 12-and-under boys' age group.

Stange, who has been a consistent PASDA champion in his six summers with CP, said that the championship meet brings out his best.

"I think it's kind of like the big challenge at the end of the season so you have to give it your all," asserted Stange, who set a meet record in the 50 back with his time of 35.90.

In the meet last week, Stange realized he faced a challenge from Cranbury's Matt Purdy.

"There was a kid that came out of nowhere so that was a little bit of a surprise, he beat me in the 100 IM," recalled Stange, referring to Purdy.

"The 50 fly was probably my best race because I came back and beat him. I was pretty happy."

Stange has beaten a lot of people since his first summer with the Bluefish in 2003 when he had trouble swimming a lap until he purchased a pair of goggles.

"I couldn't swim 25 at the beginning," said Stange, who is entering the 7th grade at John Witherspoon School this September. "Now I do the 400 free; I have come a long way in my swimming."

While Stange is happy with his progress, he is looking to go even further.

"Right now I want to improve my stamina for the 200 fly next season," said Stange, who swims year round for the Princeton Piranhas swim club. "I could work a little bit harder in all the events."

For Stange, being around the high school swimmers on the Bluefish helps him hone his skills.

"It's really fun; I work on my technique," said Stange. "I get more technique stuff from the older guys. I ask them particularly about the breast stroke, that's probably the hardest stroke for me. It's where I always get passed in the 100 IM."

In Stange's view, he has to work on his weaknesses if he is to achieve his goals in the sport.

"I definitely want to swim in high school and into college," said Stange. "Someday hopefully I can get to the Olympic Trials like Nina Rossi (former Bluefish star) did."

Stange is looking forward to the upcoming Summer Olympics and the chance to watch the NBAC stars compete in Beijing.

"I always love watching the Olympics," said Stange.

"I love seeing Michael Phelps and Kate Hoff break world records; it's just entertainment."

Stange has certainly provided plenty of entertainment for the Bluefish over the last few summers.

—Bill Alden

FLYING FISH: Community Park Bluefish swimming star Will Stange displays his butterfly form. Last week, Stange came up big at the Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet, winning the 50-meter breaststroke and the 50 butterfly and taking second in the 100 individual medley in the 12-and-under boys' age group.

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Nagle Rekindles Fond Childhood Memories, Leading Nassau Swim Club to Spirited Season

FAB FOUR: Nassau Swim Club swimmers, from left, Flori Marquez, Haley Carstensen, Annie Gardner, and Katie Hector enjoy the moment after competing at last week's Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet. Nassau finished fourth in the Division 1 team standings at the meet.

As a kid growing up in the 1980s, Beth Nagle essentially spent her summers at the Nassau Swim Club.

"When I was a kid my dad would drop me off at Nassau at 9 in the morning for practice and I would stay there until 4," said Nagle.

"It's a community; there is a lot of bonding. Some of the girls I swam with at Nassau were at my wedding."

This summer, Nagle, now 31, found her way back to her old summer stomping grounds as the head coach of the club's Lemmings swim team.

Encouragingly, Nagle found the same nurturing environment around the club that she remembered from her formative years.

"The spirit is great; I've never seen anything like it anywhere else," asserted Nagle.

"Every meet, you would think it's coming down to the last race the way the kids were cheering."

The team had a lot to cheer about last week as it took fourth in the Division 1 team standings at the Princeton-Area Swimming and Diving Association (PASDA) championship meet held at the Flemington-Raritan Community Pool.

"I think we did a fantastic job; some of our swimmers weren't able to attend," said Nagle. "We had about 35 swimmers there; the two other teams we beat at the meet had beaten us in dual meets earlier in the season."

Two of the Nassau top swimmers at the meet were the Monaghan sisters, Isabelle and Sophia.

Isabelle took second in the 25-meter backstroke in the 6-and-under girls and helped the 8-and-under girls' 100 freestyle relay team to a seventh place finish.

Sophia, meanwhile, won the girls' 12-and-under 50 free in a meet-record time of 31:18 and took third in the 50 butterfly. She also helped Nassau take second in both the 200 medley and 200 free relays.

Nagle was not surprised by the Monaghan sisters' exploits at the meet.

"Isabelle has won most of her races in dual meets," added Nagle. "Sophia did great, setting that record. She also did well through the dual meets."

Nassau also got some fine work from its corps of 18-and-under girls, who placed second in their age group standings.

"We had enough kids to fill two relays, that really helps in championship meets," said Nagle, whose 18-and-under girls included Annie Gardner, Katie Hector, Haley Carstensen, and Domencia Olivier.

"Katie Hector, who used to swim for us years ago, came back and was a big help. Haley Carstensen, a recent Lawrenceville School grad, did well in her last season. She was also an assistant coach and she interacted so well with the younger kids."

Although Nassau didn't have a lot of boys on hand at the PASDA meet, the team got some quality efforts from its male competitors.

"We had a low number of boys and we still scored a lot of points," added Nagle.

"Miles Radcliffe-Trenner came in first in one of his races (the 18-and-under 50 fly). Ben Segal did an all-around good job. Jake Caddeau did really well in the 10-and-under breast. I was really amazed; he's not a year-round swimmer and he had a lot of great swims."

Nassau also received some good swims from its youngest team members. "We have some really good 6-and-under swimmers," said Nagle, whose young standouts included Samantha Campisi, Ella Caddeau, Alex Park, and Winn Anhut, in addition to Isabelle Monaghan. "It was a real solid group; it could be a foundation for us in the future."

For Nagle, helping the Lemmings build for the future is a way of giving back to a program that has meant so much to her.

"I had a ball," asserted Nagle. "It brought back some fantastic memories for me. It's so special in the friendships and relationships you develop. Jane Urciuoli, one of our 8-and-under swimmers, is the daughter of a woman I swam with at Nassau."

It was also special for Nagle to have the assistance of longtime Nassau head coach Bruce Nystrom as she took the helm of the program.

"Bruce was there for most of our dual meets," said Nagle. "The parents were all appreciative that he was there."

Nagle applied the lessons she gained from swimming for Nystrom.

"I think I learned a laid-back attitude from him," said Nagle. "PASDA is not the Olympics; the focus is on stroke mechanics and having fun."

Nagle certainly had plenty of fun this summer as she guided the Lemmings.

—Bill Alden

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ROCKET MAN: Eric Shorter flies to the hoop on his way to scoring 22 points for the Rockets as they recently won the title in senior division of the Princeton Recreation Department's summer youth basketball league. The Rockets topped the Jazz 35-28 in the championship game. (Photo by David Goldsmith)

Local Sports

Princeton Special Sports Holding Soccer Sign-up

Princeton Special Sports (PSS), which provides youth sports programs to special needs children ages 4 through high school, is now registering players for its fall soccer program.

PSS Soccer plays on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farmview Fields off The Great Road in Princeton from September 7 through November 9. The season fee is $50. PSS offers full and partial scholarships.

For more information and to download a 2008 Player Registration Form, please go to www.princetonspecialsports.com, e-mail princetonspecialsports@gmail.com, or call Deborah Martin at (609) 249-5860.

Those interest in becoming a PSS Buddy, can e-mail princetonspecialsports@gmail.com or call Ann Diver at (609) 924-0441.

PU Lax Great Hubbard Sets MLL Goal Mark

Former Princeton University men's lacrosse star Jesse Hubbard became the all-time leading goal scorer in the history of Major League Lacrosse (MLL) last week.

The 1998 PU alum scored four times for the Los Angeles Riptide in a 13-9 win over the visiting Philadelphia Barrage on July 26 to push his career total to 242. In so doing, he broke the record of 239 formerly held by Mark Millon.

Hubbard, the all-time leader in goals scored at Princeton with 163, moved past Millon on his second goal against the Barrage in a game played at the Home Depot Center. Hubbard is in his first season with the Riptide after spending all of his career with the New Jersey Pride.

The sharp-shooting attackman won the race to Millon's record by bettering the record before his former New Jersey teammate Scott Urick, who now has 228 for his career. Hubbard entered this season with 221 goals, five better than Urick's 216, but he has responded by leading the Riptide with 21 goals on the season.

Safe Streets Hoops Event Slated for August 18

The 2008 Pete Young, Sr. Memorial Safe Streets basketball event will be taking place on August 18 at the Community Park basketball courts.

The event is a community salute to a Princeton hoops who's who in the memory of Pete Young, Sr. and will feature a clinic and games. The goal of the organizers is to bring young people and adults together through basketball in order to spread the word on keeping neighborhoods and streets safe.

In addition to the clinic, there will be a special recognition of concerned citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the Princeton community. Those to be honored include Francis Craig, Lance Liverman, Joann Parker, Bill Johnson, Jimmy Mack, and Alice Satterfield.

The event is being sponsored by the Joint Effort Community Sports Program in conjunction with Princeton Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman, the Princeton Recreation Department, the Princeton Borough and Township Police Departments, together with several other local groups and businesses.

For more information, call (720) 629-0964 or (609) 647-2297.

Princeton Resident Chiurco Wins N.Y. Yacht Club Title

Princeton resident Tony Chiurco recently guided his American Eagle boat to a title at the New York Yacht Club race week recently held off Newport, R.I.

Chiurco, the head of neurosurgery at the University Medical Center of Princeton, took the title in the 12 metres Division C, Traditional category.

FRONT AND CENTER: Members of The Jewish Center of Princeton softball team display the spoils of victory after winning the title in the 2008 Mercer Bucks JCC league. The team included Alan Kaplan (manager/coach), Rick Strauss, Dave Cheskis, Steven Hubert, Jeff Schneider, Larry Kanter, Joe Glazer, Andrew Costin, Josh Zinder, Joe Hargrove, Craig Stier, Ted Deutsch, Mark Deitch, Gary Wyckoff, Rick Strauss, and Craig Ross.

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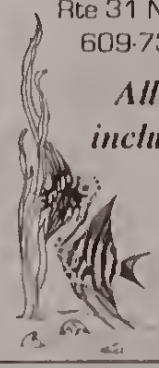

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People

Local Architect Combines Passions

Quinn Schwenker has two passions. The first, architecture, led him to found Ford 3 Architects of Princeton in 2004 with partners Moira McClintock and Jerry Ford.

The second, sailing, has led Mr. Schwenker around the globe in a 24-foot boat called Brain Cramp, in pursuit of championships all over the world.

June found him in Sardinia, Italy, for the J/24 World Championship competition. Mr. Schwenker's crew of five men, who go by the name of North Coast Sailing, finished 18th in a field of 76 boats from around the globe.

"The plan is to keep racing till we've won the Worlds," said Mr. Schwenker, 39, of Washington Crossing, Pa., who started sailing at the age of three with his father on Lake Ontario, in his native Rochester, NY, and has been hooked ever since. "But i'll probably sail all my life."

Mr. Schwenker's work can be seen at a number of schools and colleges in the region, including Princeton University (renovation to the old Springdale Golf Club House), The Institute for Advanced Study (system upgrades to Fuld Hall), French American School of Princeton (renovations to the Lawrenceville campus), and the Pingry School (renovation to the lower school library). His work also includes the 1,200-seat Community Theater in Morristown, the Performing Arts Center in South Orange, and the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center and the Invention Factory Science Center, both in Trenton.

Princeton High School freshman **Jonathan Taratuta-Titus,** son of Elena Taratuta and Ward Titus, is participating in the Boston University Tanglewood Institute (BUTI) this summer, in Lenox, Massachusetts. Jonathan, who has studied piano for eight years, was among the 340 students selected from auditions across the country and abroad to work with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, BU faculty, and visiting artists. The students include instrumentalists, singers and composers. Their schedule includes rehearsals, practices, master classes, and concerts.

AHOY THERE! Architect Quinn Schwenker is also an avid competitive sailor, who sees parallels between boats and buildings, sailing and architecture. "Boats are designed for a specific purpose," he said. "They're both beautiful and utilitarian, like a well-designed building."

ONE WAY TO BEAT THE COST OF GAS: Seen on Leabrook Lane last week, this well-balanced cyclist sets an example for all of us.

Clubs

The Princeton PC Users Group will meet on Monday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Library in Lawrenceville (Route 1 South and East Darrah Lane). Guests and the general public are welcome to attend.

The speaker, David Shinkfield, a retired managing partner with the PA Consulting Group, will discuss "A Primer on Home Networking."

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Mr. Shinkfield has been a volunteer instructor with the SeniorNet Computer Literacy Center in Ewing for the past three years. During his career with the PA Consulting Group he undertook assignments in the UK, France, Germany, and the United States, where he has spent the last 30 years.

For more information, visit www.ppcug-nj.org or call (908) 218-0778.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will present a Salsa Sensation dance on Saturday, August 16 at the Suzanne Patterson Center. A beginner/intermediate Salsa lesson will be offered from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with Salsa, Mambo, Bachata, Merengue, and Cha Cha dancing following from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

No partner is needed. Admission will be $12 or $8 for students.

For more information, visit www.centraljerseydance.org or call (609) 945-1883.

The **YWCA Princeton Newcomers Club** will host a Summer Social Coffee on Thursday, August 21 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the YWCA Bramwell House. Coffee, tea, and homemade treats will be available in an informal setting to introduce prospective members to the Club and its offerings.

The purpose of the Newcomers Club is to give those new to the area a way to make friends and get acquainted with their surroundings. Also welcome are those who have lived in the area for a while but have experienced a lifestyle change and would like to meet new people.

Those interested in membership are invited to enjoy one Friday with Friends, one Social Coffee, and one Interest Group activity before joining. Fridays with Friends are held at the YWCA on the second Friday of each month at 11:45 a.m. Social Coffees meet at the YWCA's Bramwell House the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Interest Groups typically meet in members' homes or at local establishments or areas of interest at varying times during the month.

Newcomers Club, which is part of the YWCA Princeton, is $35 to join. Concurrent membership in the YWCA is a requirement. For more information, call (609) 497-2100 or visit www.ywcaprinceton.org/newcomersClub.cfm.

"QUICK, BEFORE IT MELTS!" Riley Calahan from Princeton Junction getting ready to zero in on one of the joys of summer. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 6 – Wednesday, August 13

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

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Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, August 6:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m.	**Movie: *The Jane Austen Book Club*; SPB.**
1:30 p.m.	Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m.	Art with Bob; SPB.
3:00 p.m.	Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m.	Children of Aging Parents; SPB.

Thursday, August 7:

9:30 a.m.	Computer Basics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Art Studio; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.

Friday, August 8:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m.	Let's Talk English Too; RC.
10:45 a.m.	Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m.	Chair Exercise; SC.

Monday, August 11:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
11:30 a.m.	Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m.	Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
2:30 p.m.	Yoga; HBH.

Tuesday, August 12:

11:00 a.m.	Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, August 13:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m.	**Movie: *Bucket List*; SPB.**
1:30 p.m.	Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m.	Art with Bob; SPB.
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Obituaries

Ruth Louise Plum

Ruth Louise Plum (née Snyder), 98, of Princeton, died July 17 peacefully at home. She had been an organist and music teacher in Princeton lor more than 50 years. She was organist at the Princeton Methodist Church for four years and organist and choir director at the Princeton Baptist Church for seven years.

A popular piano and voice teacher to many Princeton children, she was an active member of the Princeton Music Club since 1935 and a lormer president. She also worked lor many years as a volunteer for the American Boycholr School and the Princeton Chamber Symphony. A skilled knitter, she trained volunteers to knit scarves for the boys in the Choir, making many ol them herself.

Born in Reading, Pa., she was the daughter ol the late Rev. and Mrs. Elam Jacob Snyder. She began piano lessons at the age of seven. At 16 she studied pipe organ with the noted blind organist and composer Adam Geibel.

She graduated with honors from the Music Conservatory of Beaver College (now Arcadia University) in 1931. She accepted a position as director of music at the New Jersey State Home for Girls in Trenton and continued studying organ at the Juilliard School ol Music in New York. She also sang with the Mendelssohn Choir in Philadelphia and performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski.

In 1935 she married the late Dr. Lester V. Plum, an economics prolessor at Princeton University who later became a securities analyst on Wall Street. Her older daughter, Deloris Plum, a cellist with the Oregon Symphony, died in 2004. Her younger daughter, Penelope Plum Kumar, an artist, died in 1991.

A memorial service will be held on her 99th birthday, Saturday, August 30, at 2 p.m. at the Princeton Friends Meeting House at Mercer Street and Quaker Lane. A reception will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Boychoir, 19 Lambert Drive, Princeton 08540.

Marie DiBianco

Marie DiBianco (née Conti), 78, died Thursday at University Medical Center at Princeton with her children by her side. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 14, 1930. Her lamily later settled in Hollis, Queens. In 1951, she graduated from Fordham University with a B.S. in pharmaceutical science and was employed as a pharmacist at New York Hospital and later at Doctors' Hospital in Long Island. She married Dr. John DiBianco, a pioneering gastroenterologist, in 1959. They had been married 47 years when he died in 2007. She is survived by her children, Francesca, Gabrielle, John, and Richard; by nine grandchildren; and by many friends and family. She lived a full life of honor, compassion, and most of all, faith. Funeral Mass will he held at St. Paul's Church on Thursday, August 7,at 11 am. In lieu ol flowers, donations can be sent to SAVE, 900 Herrontown Road, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

Ronald M. Yates

Ronald ("Spider") Martin Yates, 83, ol Ewing Township, formerly of Princeton, died July 31 at home.

Born in Trenton, he resided in Princeton for most ol his life. He was educated in the Witherspoon Elementary School and graduated lrom the New York Industrial School in Bronx, N.Y.

He was employed by J.P. Williams lor 35 years as a painter and later with Princeton University for 22 years. He was considered a handyman lor many area residents.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War ii and belonged to the American Legion Post 218.

An avid sports fan, he loved to watch football, basketball, and goll, hut baseball was his favorite, as was the New York Mets. He also loved to play pinochle.

He was a laithful member ol First Baptist Church in Princeton, where he served in the transportation mintstry. He was known for his great sense ol humor, meeting with his Dunkin' Donuts friends every morning, and always lending a helping hand to the elderly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth Jenktns Craig and Martin Luther Yates; a son, Michael Yates; and a brother, Daniel Yates. He is survived by his wile Marceline; children Ronald Yates Jr. of Trenton, Lisa Johnson ol Washington, D.C., Marc Yates of Princeton, Rhonna Freeman of Upper Marlboro, Md., and India Singleton of Trenton; a godchild, Sabrina Williams ol Trenton; five grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was August 5 at the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton. interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Mary Jane Krug

Mary Jane Krug, 92, of Princeton, died August 2 in Acorn Glen.

Born in Philadelphia, she was a restdent of Lower Gwynedd before moving to Princeton in March 2004.

She retired in 1979 with over 15 years of service as a retall manager with Lord & Taylor, Jenkintown, Pa. She was also proud ol the volunteer work she performed at Abington Hospital and Fox Chase Cancer Institute.

Daughter of the late David Joseph and Margaret (Kane) Tait, wife ol the late Edwin Krug, and grandmother ol the late Jennifer Krug, she is survived by a son, Edwin R. Krug; a daughter, Kristina Donneily; two brothers, Thomas and Robert Tait; a sister, Eileen Schwartz; and lour grandchildren.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the lamily.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Tom T.P. Yu

Tom T.P. Yu, 92, ol Princeton, died August 1 in the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born and raised in China, he had been a resident ol Princeton for the last eight years. He earned his honorable Ph.D. at New York University in mathematics and economics.

He is survived by his wile, Ruth L. Yu; a daughter, Xtuju Yu; and three grandchtldren.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. this Saturday, August 9 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

Entombment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton.

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Marion M. Sinuk

Marion M. Nicola Sinuk died on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at her home in Skillman where she lived with her loving husband John Sinuk for 25 years.

A graduate of St. Peter's High School Class of 1950, she was the first female sports editor for the Cardinal Newspaper.

Marion was not afforded the opportunity to further her education, but as soon as her children were in college and graduate school, she enrolled as an "older" student at University College at Rutgers. She was selective in her classes so that her life as a wife and mother could remain her priority. She was always a person with enthusiasm for learning and sharing her learned knowledge with others. She was selected to become a peer counselor as well as a contributing columnist for the University College paper, "NITEBEAT". Her specialty was writing about the experience of the "older" student. Her enthusiasm knew no bounds. She was absolutely thrilled when a University Dean called her to tell her how much she enjoyed her articles and asked if one of them could be read at the upcoming 50th anniversary ceremony for University College.

Marion was an avid reader and talented writer of letters, articles and rhymes. Through the years, various articles were published.

She had a talent to write about the very essence of a person, idea, personal or political philosophy. At each Christmas gathering she would write funny rhymes about each guest, read them to all, and accompany her reading with a token Christmas present.

In addition to her academic achievements, she also excelled in sports as an avid tennis player, runner and golfer. She was also a swimmer and her smiling face could be seen almost daily at the YWCA and Princeton Wellness Center.

Honesty and truth were her unassailable virtues. Everyone always knew her views on politics. She was proud of her beliefs and stood by them. Justice for the downtrodden and the oppressed was her "battle cry". Her virtues were reflected in her writing, contributions and participation.

Marion was a CCD instructor, peer counselor, and reading instructor at Skillman School for Boys. She participated in Meals on Wheels and the Santa Clause Project. Marion was a member of the Middle East Society, American Farmland Trust and CNI Foundation. She was an avid animal rights activist.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, John Sinuk; her children — John Charles Sinuk and his wife Bonnie, Paul Joseph Sinuk and his wife Nelda, and Linda Marie Sinuk; and her two grandchildren John Paul and Bonnie Marie.

Predeceased by her older sister, Lillian Nicola Kollar and her younger brother, former mayor of North Brunswick, Charles Nicola, she is survived by her older brother George J. Nicola, retired Middlesex County Court Judge.

Burial was private. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at St. Charles Borromeo R.C. Church, 47 Skillman Road, Skillman, NJ. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Selover Funeral Home, 555 Georges Road, North Brunswick, NJ.

Editor's Note: Town Topics apologizes for the error that appeared last week in the obituary for Marion Sinuk. The corrected obituary is reprinted above.

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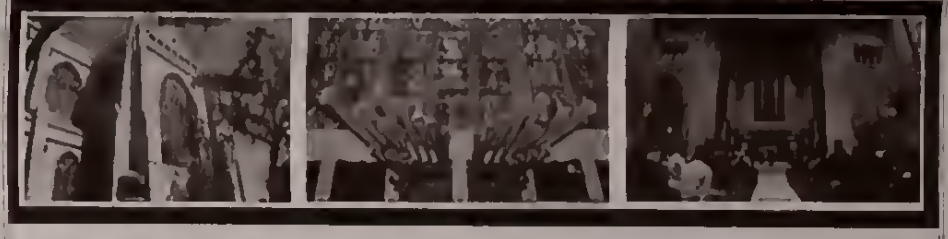

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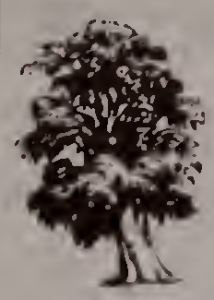

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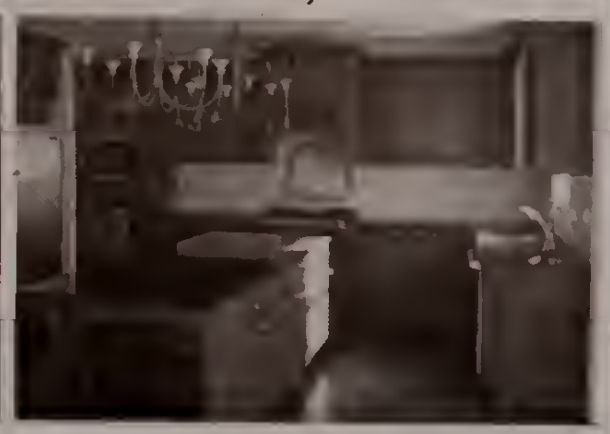

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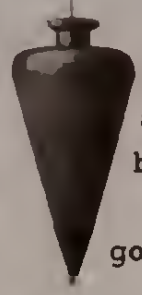

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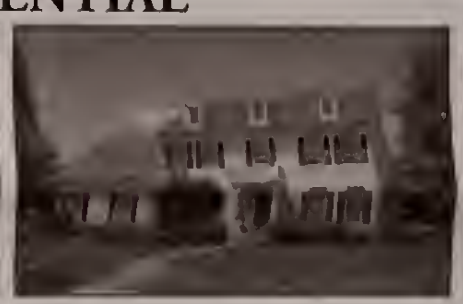

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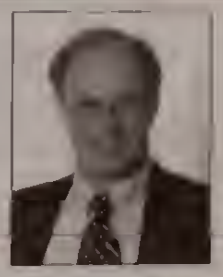

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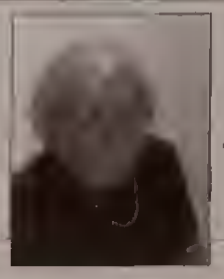

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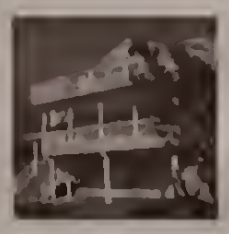
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